

Dear Friends,

What a great, productive week we had in the Texas House!

TEXAS HOUSE PASSES MONUMENTAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Yesterday, we took up and considered [House Bill 2](#) – the Property Tax Relief Act – which I was proud to co-author. This bill creates the largest tax cut in Texas history and will create meaningful and sustainable relief for all property owners. In short, this bill”

- Provides a 5% annual appraisal cap for all property types
- Lowers school district property taxes by 28%
- Reduces recapture payments by \$4.5 billion
- Average homeowner will save \$1200 over the next two years
- Total tax relief when combined with proposals in House budget of \$17.3 billion

This bill will finally give property owners the relief they need and I was proud to support it!

CONSERVATIVE BILLS ON THE MOVE

While we’re working hard to ban gender modification in the Texas House, which I believe we’ll accomplish this session, we’re seeing new issues arise where individuals who have gone through the transition process and later determine that they have made a mistake and wish to begin the very difficult and costly “de-transitioning” process, unable to find the care and coverage to do so.

I authored [House Bill 3502](#) which seeks to ensure adequate health care coverage and assistance to those individuals dealing with adverse effects or that have decided to de-transition. Very simply, House Bill 3502 would require any health benefit plan that provides coverage for any gender transition procedures and treatment to also provide:

- coverage for any adverse effects, including both short and long-term effects

- reversals of any procedures
- any testing or screening necessary to monitor an enrollee’s health.

[HB 7](#), [HB 20](#) and [HB 800](#) – our Border Protection bills – were all heard the in committee this week. Together these bills will establish the Border Protection Unit – a specially trained group that will be charged with protecting and defending our southern border – and give them the resources and tools they need to crack down on illegal immigration, drug smuggling and human trafficking. Establishing this new group will allow our overworked DPS and Texas Guard to return back to their regular duties.

[HB 4340](#) by Representative Frank regarding Educational Savings Accounts was also heard in committee this week. With three kids in public school myself, I know firsthand the importance of continuing to invest in and enhance our public schools. However, I also believe parents deserve more choice when it comes to providing an optimal educational experience for their child. This starts with crafting policies that empower parents with more educational choices - while at the same time working to ensure that our public schools are fully funded and teachers – both active and retired – are taken care of. I believe that HB 4340 has us going in the right direction and I’m keeping a close eye on this bill as it moves through the legislative process.

THIS WEEK AT THE TEXAS HOUSE

This week I was happy to have not one, but TWO, Honorary Pages in the Texas House. On Wednesday, we hosted Bella Holland from Farmersville High School. Bella is an avid softball player helping lead the Lady Farmers to a winning season!

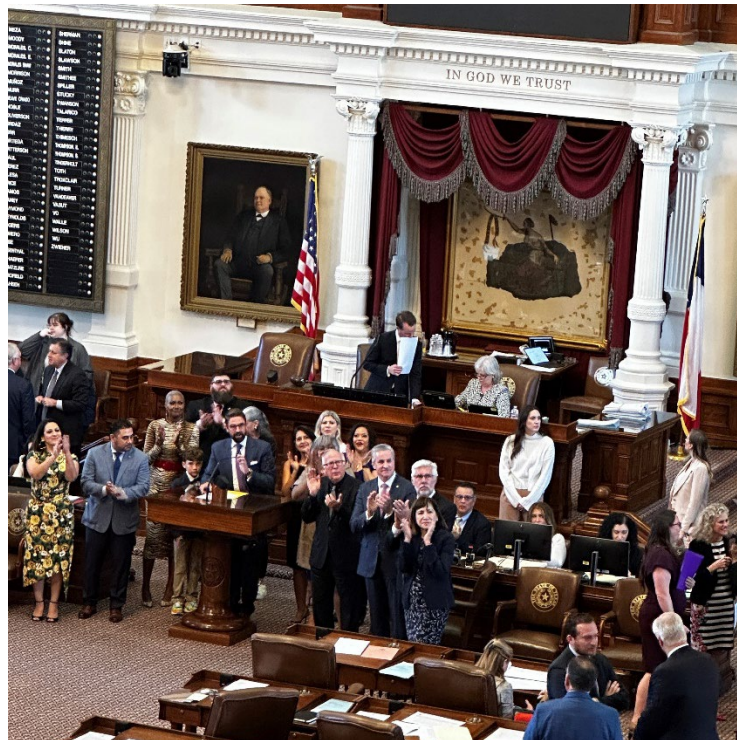


We also welcomed Luke McClure – the son of my former Chief of Staff and District Director, Mary McClure. I enjoyed showing him the inner workings of the Texas House like how to use

the desk phone and where we keep the stash of Blue Bell ice cream. Thank you both for coming to the State Capitol!



This week I was also able to honor the North Texas Food Bank during Food Bank Day at the Texas Capitol. The North Texas Food Bank distributes donated and purchased food to over 400 food banks and organizations across 13 counties. I'm thankful for the work they do to strengthen our communities and I was honored to recognize them from the House floor.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Floor Schedule:

- Monday: Convene at 11am
- Tuesday: Convene at 10am
- Wednesday: Convene at 10am
- Thursday: Convene at 10am
- Friday: Convene at 9am

Rep Leach Authored Bill Hearings

April 17

[HB 1963](#) [HB 2657](#)

On the House Floor

[HB 2384](#)

All My Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Leach". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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