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Fellow Texan,

Thank you for contacting our Capitol office regarding gun rights and public safety legislation. No matter what side you were on during the debates over guns this session, I appreciate hearing your thoughts on this issue that means so much to so many.

Here's an update on the major gun-related issues this session:

- House Bill 910, which allows gun owners to openly carry handguns in public, passed the House and Senate and is heading to the Governor. Unlike police officers who undergo extensive training to protect their open firearm, thorough trainings are not created for general citizens for this change. For this reason, I voted against HB 910.
- Senate Bill 11, which requires universities to allow guns on their campuses, also passed the House and Senate and is heading to the Governor. I have concerns about mixing deadly firearms with the numerous emotional pressures on our students. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students, and forcing universities to allow firearms into dorms and classrooms is a danger to our kids. For these reasons, I voted against SB 11.

There are many issues on which Texans can agree. While this issue may not be one of them, please know that I respect your views.

I serve on both the Transportation and Elections committees, and our office is always available to help you on other state issues you and your family may need help with. Feel free to visit my website at <http://www.house.state.tx.us/members/member-page/?district=50>, if you have an interest in other areas. Check out our newsletter tab where we break down many of the issues we covered this session.

Do not hesitate to contact my office at (512) 463-0821 if you ever need anything. Please know that my office is your office, as the Capitol belongs to the people of Texas.

Sinceramente,

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