

Dear Friends,

Happy Friday! I hope this week's installment of the Rotunda Report finds you doing well.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Yesterday, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, Dade Phelan, released the House committee assignments for the 87th Legislative Session. I am humbled that Speaker Phelan re-appointed me to a second- term as Chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence. Additionally, the Speaker appointed me to serve on the House Committee on Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

Without question, the issues that these two Committees will address and deliberate on this session literally impact every single Texan. For instance, as Chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence, I will continue to oversee our Civil Justice system, including all civil laws and our rules of civil procedure, as well as the operations of all Courts across the State of Texas. Additionally, we will exercise watchful oversight over the Attorney General's Office, the Texas Supreme Court, the Courts of Appeals, the Texas Judicial Council and the State Bar of Texas, among other responsibilities.

Importantly, I fully except our Committee, like last session, to take up and consider vitally important legislation that will impact you, your family and our entire State. From liability legislation, to sexual abuse and assault reforms. From business, medical and construction law issues to important bills relating to the protection, safeguarding and strengthening of your fundamental rights and liberties. Bottom line: We have vitally important work ahead for our Committee and I know we're up to the task.

I earnestly look forward to working collaboratively and aggressively with Speaker Phelan and will all my House colleagues to make the 87th Legislative Session one that positively impacts all Texans of today and even the future Texans of tomorrow. More than ever, I am strongly committed to ensuring that the Lone Star State remains a true beacon of liberty and justice for all.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

As for my own legislative agenda, I am excited to have already authored and filed over a dozen bills in the Texas House — with many more to come in the days ahead. From education and healthcare reforms, to criminal justice initiatives, election integrity and religious liberty legislation and bills to support our active-military and veterans and first responders. I am proud of the bills that we've filed and excited about many still to come. And the best part is — many of these ideas came directly from YOU, the people I am elected to serve!

If you're interested in reviewing the bills I've filed, to date, and the bills still to come, please visit the following

link: https://capitol.texas.gov/reports/report.aspx?ID=author&LegSess=87R&Code=A2475

DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought not only a health crisis for the citizens of HD67 but a financial one as well. I'm happy to report that the City of Plano as well as Collin County are gearing up to provide rental and housing assistance to those impacted by the pandemic. Plano is hoping to have their program up and running by the middle of February while Collin County is shooting for the beginning of March. You can visit the websites below to find out more information.

<u>City of Plano Rental & Housing Assistance</u> Collin County Rental & Housing Assistance

In closing, I want to again reiterate my gratitude to you for your ongoing engagement with me and my office. As I've always said — you're the boss... and I work for and answer to you. To that end, if there is any way I can serve you — any way at all - or if you ever just want to talk about a question, concern or idea, please contact me directly. I'd be delighted to hear from you.

God Bless you, friends. And God Bless Texas!

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