A Note from Jim...

Legislation is definitely moving in Austin. With the bill filing deadline rapidly approaching on Friday, March 11th, I have been working with many organizations to make sure that the legislation we are working on truly meets the needs of our businesses and communities.

This week I had my first committee hearing on HB 1062 regarding eminent domain in the *Land and Resource Management* committee. I will also have my second bill, HB 611, regarding certain professional services by certain governmental entities, heard in the *Government Efficiency and Reform* committee on Thursday. As of Wednesday, March 9th, I have filed 23 bills and will end up filing a couple more before the end of the week.

Now the real work begins. Please continue to use all the resources provided in this newsletter, as well as my House website, to follow the bills you're interested in, and continue contacting my office regarding your thoughts and concerns.

- View a list of all committees, members and to track the schedule of bills being discussed during committee hearings.

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Legislation Update...

H.B. 15 - Sonogram Bill

On Monday, HB 15, the House version of the Sonogram Bill, was passed. The bill is now going to be sent to the Senate. Since the Sonogram Bill was listed as an emergency item by the governor, the House was allowed to debate and vote on it before the 60 day suspension required for other bills. The Sonogram Bill assures that women have complete information before having an abortion by offering the viewing and explanation of the sonogram. This bill enhances the current requirements for a woman's right to know. Thank you to all who have called and written in with your input regarding this bill. It's very valuable for me to have

written in with your input regarding this bill. It's very valuable for me to have your feedback.

H.B. 611 - Tax Dollar Accountability

I will be laying out HB 611 on Thursday, March 10th at 10:30 am or upon adjournment of the House floor. If you would like to watch the live hearing, follow the link below and choose the *Government Efficiency and Reform* committee.

Click to watch hearing on HB 611 on March 10th.

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