



CAPITOL HALL REPORT



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My team and I kicked off the month by attending a policy orientation for legislators that was hosted by the Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF), a conservative think-tank that has been instrumental to liberty-loving officials for several years. TPPF purposes to help educate and influence legislators and their staff with academic research that is guided by the principles of liberty, free enterprise, and individual responsibility.

My team and I attended several panel discussions that focused on significant issues we will face this legislative session, notably:

- Allowing parents to chose any school for their children
- Changing the method by which the state levies taxes
- Protecting Texas' sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment
- Responding to the immigration debacle
- Providing free-market solutions to the problems in our healthcare system

Panelists for the discussions included incumbent senators and representatives, economists, grass-roots leaders, and researchers from institutions nationwide. Approximately 200 guests attended the orientation, most of whom were other legislative members and their staff.

Several speakers gave presentations, including Governor-elect Gregg Abbott and Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick. The governors shared key topics of their agendas for this session, with the Lt. Governor-elect emphasizing the state's need for school choice and a lighter tax burden for the people and with Governor-elect Abbott stating a similar agenda with special attention on the inefficiencies of our state's transportation system.

My team and I consider the orientation beneficial for pursuing policies that we believe will help the people of Texas enjoy a prosperous future.



Senator Hall with other conservatives at the orientation: (left to right/ top to bottom) Grassroots Activist JoAnn Fleming, [Lt. Gov. Patrick, Steve Forbes, Hon. Kent Grusendorf], Atty. General Paxton, Col. Allen West, Justice Don Willett.



Team Hall: (from left to right) Policy Specialist Amy Jones, Administrative Assistant Libby Goins, Policy Aide Dillon Caylor, Senator Bob Hall, Policy Director Boyd Bush, and Chief of Staff Amy Lane. Policy Specialist David Covey will also be joining the team.



Senator Hall with other conservatives at the orientation: (from left to right/ top to bottom) Sen. Konni Burton, Talmadge Heflin, Rep. Bill Zedler, Joe Fox, and Steve Forbes.

