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## **State Senator Nathan Johnson files Farm to Table Bills**

AUSTIN – Texas State Senator Nathan Johnson filed legislation yesterday to increase access to fresh produce and locally-grown foods. "At the capitol, we consistently talk about equal access to healthcare and how to improve local economies," Johnson said. "A key component of our individual health is the food that we eat and where it comes from. I have worked with my House colleagues to file bipartisan legislation that allows for local providers to offer healthy options."

Representative Eddie Rodriguez (D-Austin), chair of the Texas House Farm to Table Caucus, recognizes the importance of this bicameral endeavor: "Our local governments, including school districts, spend millions on importing unhealthy, highly processed foods when we are surrounded by the bounty of Texas farms and ranches. I am proud to be working with Senator Johnson on giving local government authorities the flexibility they need to give preference to high-quality agricultural products grown here in Texas when they have a marginally higher price. Senator Johnson is a great friend and ally to the local foods movement."

Another member of the caucus, Representative Stan Lambert (R-Abilene) said, "I look forward to working with stakeholders, my colleagues in the bipartisan Texas House Farm to Table Caucus and Senator Nathan Johnson on advancing this effort to support small businesses."

"Ready access to local, affordable, and healthy foods makes people happier and healthier, and strengthens communities. I'm pleased to be working with my House colleagues in the bipartisan Farm to Table Caucus to advance this agenda," Johnson concluded.

Recent bills filed by the Farm to Table Caucus in the 86th Legislative Session include SB 788 and SB 789 by Senator Johnson, HB 1696 by Rep. Rodriguez, and HB 1694 by Rep. Lambert.

Senator Nathan Johnson was elected in 2018 to represent the economically and demographically diverse Texas Senate District 16. Johnson is a member of the Committees on Health & Human Services, Veteran Affairs & Border Security, Water & Rural Affairs, and Administration.

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