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## GUILLEN CALLS FOR MORE LOCAL ROAD FUNDS

*Guillen Urges Action On Roads Damaged By Heavy Trucks*

**AUSTIN** - As the House Committee on Transportation meets to discuss how the energy industry affects local roads, Representative Ryan Guillen (D - Rural South Texas) urges action to direct more state money to roads damaged by heavy vehicles in counties with high oil and gas production.

**"Our infrastructure and transportation systems are in need of some attention," Guillen stated. "We have a prosperous energy industry here in Texas, but oil tankers can be damaging to local roads. We've got to make sure that we have the funds necessary to sustain these roads and the economic growth that oil and gas bring to South Texas."**

The House and Senate Transportation Committees are holding three hearings within the coming week that will examine the interconnected issues of transportation, energy, infrastructure and jobs. An issue under consideration is the royalties from oil and gas sales which are specifically allocated to infrastructure maintenance, which critics say rarely goes to fund local road repair. Representative Guillen is aware of the importance of our major roads, but hopes that in the future additional funds will be diverted to local roads like the ones in District 31.

Guillen has been a consistent supporter of road funding for his district. Since he has been in office, Guillen has helped direct over \$2 billion in road funding to District 31. He was also an author of a bill which secured \$175 million specifically for roads in colonias.

**"Texas is a big state, and District 31 is a big district," said Guillen. "We need all the road funding we can get to make sure that South Texans can access everything they need like their jobs, schools, and hospitals."**

*Serving ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, Ryan Guillen is known for his hard work, fierce independence, and relentless efforts for South Texas families. Recently, Capitol Inside called him a "House Bill Machine," and a "one-person assembly line for legislation." Since elected, few other legislators have passed more bills than Guillen. Sign up for updates at [ryanguillen.com](http://ryanguillen.com), [facebook.com/representative.guillen](https://facebook.com/representative.guillen), and [twitter.com/ryanguillen](https://twitter.com/ryanguillen)*

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