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GUILLEN REMINDS FAMILIES OF BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAVINGS

Encourages Back-To-School Shoppers To Take Full Advantage Of Sales Tax Holiday

AUSTIN - State Representative Ryan Guillen (D - Rural South Texas) is reminding parents to mark August 7-9 on their calendars, as they can save on school supplies during the state's annual sales tax holiday.

"As parents get ready to send their kids off to school, the cost of clothes and shoes and backpacks and school supplies can really add up." Representative Guillen said. "Not having to pay the sales tax on all the back-to-school essentials will provide some relief that all Texans and their wallets can feel."

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies, and backpacks that are priced under \$100 from sales tax during the designated weekend. These exemptions could save shoppers \$8.25 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend. This year, Texans are expected to save an estimated \$87 million in state and local sales taxes over the course of the weekend--the most since the weekend's introduction in 1999.

Categories of qualifying items include backpacks, belts, clothing (infant to adult), employee uniforms, footwear, graduation caps and gowns, luggage, safety accessories, sportswear, swimming gear, wallets, watches, and much more. A comprehensive list of qualifying merchandise can be found on the comptroller's website: http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/taxholiday/d/tx98_490_clothing.html

Ryan Guillen serves ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, including Atascosa, Brooks, Duval, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, Starr, and Willacy.