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Texas Association Of Manufacturers Endorse Guillen In Upcoming Election

AUSTIN - The Texas Association of Manufacturers (TAM) has endorsed the re-election campaign of Representative Ryan Guillen (D- Rural South Texas). Like TAM, Guillen promotes and protects a pro-growth business environment to ensure a strong manufacturing sector and bring more good jobs to the district.

"The manufacturing sector is vital in creating jobs for South Texas," said Guillen. "Which is why I am humbled that an organization as important as TAM has endorsed me in the upcoming election. Together we can make Texas even greater."

TAM is a membership organization of over 500 small and large companies from all across Texas. They work to educate, inform and empower industry leaders, consumers, policymakers and the media with timely perspective on the issues and concerns impacting the manufacturing industry and its members' ability to create jobs, invest, expand and keep Texas prosperous. Manufacturers in Texas account for more than 14.3 percent of the total output in the state – more than \$227 billion in 2015.

Guillen has worked to increase programs and initiatives that strengthen manufacturers in South Texas. He was critical to the passage of legislation that reauthorized the Texas Economic Development fund to provide financial assistance to rural and small businesses. He also established the Texas Enterprise Fund which created \$27 billion in economic activity by supporting Texas economic development, infrastructure and job training programs. In addition, Guillen has worked to improve Texas' infrastructure, which is vital to manufacturers, by passing legislation resulting in a \$2 billion increase in road funds. Ultimately, Guillen's investment in manufacturing has increased the number of higher paying jobs, led to unemployment dropping from 10% to 6%, and helped spur an 8% increase in average yearly wages.

"I fight every day for the people of South Texas," said Guillen "With your support in the upcoming election I will continue the fight to make South Texas an even better place to live, work, and raise a family."

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



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