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GUILLEN REMINDS FOLKS TO SAVE DURING TAX FREE WEEKEND

AUSTIN - Texas State Representative Ryan Guillen (D - District 31) is reminding parents to mark August 5-7th on their calendars, as they can save on school supplies during the state's annual sales tax holiday. Representative Guillen is urging South Texas parents to get out and take advantage of the tax free holiday.

"As a father who is preparing to send his children back to school this year, I know how parents feel when wanting to get their kids off to a great start," said Guillen. "And the tax free weekend offers so many benefits for shopping for school supplies."

The sales holiday exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies, and backpacks that are priced under \$100 from sales tax; these exemptions could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend. This year, Texans are estimated to have saved over \$87 million in state and local sales taxes over the course of the weekend.

The tax holiday has been an annual event since the weekend's introduction in 1999. A full list of qualifying merchandise can be found on the comptroller's website here but include backpacks, belts, clothing, graduation caps, luggage, and more: http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/taxholiday/d/tx98_490_clothing.html

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