



# RYAN GUILLEN

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TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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## **TEACHERS ENDORSE GUILLEN**

*The Texas State Teacher's Association Announces Support Of Guillen's Re-Election*

**AUSTIN** - As the son of teachers and as a former teacher himself, Representative Ryan Guillen (D - Rural South Texas) is pleased and humbled that the Texas State Teacher's Association (TSTA) has endorsed his re-election campaign.

**"Teachers are some of the most important individuals in our community, so we must do everything we can to provide them with the resources they need to do their job," said Guillen. "I am proud to fight for the teachers of South Texas each and every day in office, and I am humbled that they have endorsed my re-election so that I may continue fighting for them."**

Guillen has worked hard for teachers and students since being elected by the people of South Texas. Since his election, Guillen has reduced over-testing, improved special education programs, expanded dual credit and vocational programs, and consistently fought for better pay, better benefits, and decreased retirement costs for Texas teachers.

In the most recent legislative session, Guillen secured over \$1.2 billion to reduce retired teacher healthcare costs, was an author of a bill to add \$1.5 billion in additional public school funding, supported "David's Law" to prevent and address the issue of cyberbullying, voted to reduce state-mandated testing, and he was an author of legislation to improve teacher quality.

**"I was an ag teacher myself and I come from a family of teachers, so I know they are so important to this community and I will never stop fighting for them," Guillen added.**

TSTA is one of the largest and most powerful education associations in Texas and the nation. Over 68,000 Texans are members and over 3.1 million Americans are members of its affiliated organization, the National Education Association.

*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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