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Committee Hearing In South Texas Allows For Discussion On Boosting The Economy

AUSTIN - Recognizing the need to improve and expand Texas infrastructure, Representative Ryan Guillen (D- Rural South Texas) attended a special committee hearing in Weslaco, Texas on March 20th to continue his work in improving the infrastructure and economy of South Texas.

"Improving our infrastructure will ultimately boost the economy in South Texas," said Guillen. "It is encouraging that such an important topic is being considered, especially as the meeting is being held so close to home."

The committee on International Trade and Intergovernmental Affairs and the committee on Transportation held a joint meeting in South Texas to discuss the state of infrastructure around the state's international shipping ports and borders. The goal of the meeting was to evaluate how the current condition of the ports and roads are impacting transportation and trade, and how infrastructure in general effects the economy of Texas. This meeting was significant in bringing attention to the issues of the Rio Grande Valley as it brought Representatives from around the state to Weslaco. Representative Guillen attended the meeting to express support for boosting the infrastructure of South Texas.

Guillen is a longtime supporter of road and infrastructure projects in the area. He strongly supported propositions 1 and 7, which were amendments to the State constitution that allocated some of the State's revenue towards the state Highway Fund without raising taxes. Proposition 1 redirected tax revenue towards infrastructure projects such as development in metropolitan areas, connections between and within rural areas, and general maintenance throughout the state. Proposition 7 allocated up to 2.5 billion dollars a year to the State highway fund each year from sales tax revenues. These propositions have had a direct impact within Guillen's district, bringing in over \$250 million in road construction and improvements.

"We need to continue supporting our road projects for the long-term success of South Texas. Our future lies in developing our infrastructure and improving our highways," Guillen added.

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, facebook.com/representative.guillen, and twitter.com/ryanguillen



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