



Senator John Albers

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Newsletter

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Welcome

Spring is in the air and the the 2022 Legislative Session is past the halfway mark. A major milestone is Crossover Day which is scheduled for March 15. All bills must pass one chamber in order to remain active. Our last day of the 156th Georgia General Assembly legislative session will end on April 4, 2022, also known as "Sine Die".

I am so proud of Georgia leading the way for other states. It is an honor to serve you. Kari and I are enjoying the nice spring weather. Our youngest son Ryan is doing very well in his second year of college while also serving as a volunteer firefighter and EMT. I am thrilled he is continuing our family legacy as the 5th generation of first responders.



CHEROKEE SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Hickory Flat Precinct
TOWN HALL MEETING

MOMENTUM CHURCH
659 Arnold Mill Road
Woodstock, GA 30188

MARCH 10TH, 2022 - 6PM

Special Guest:
Senator John Albers
*and other elected officials from
Cherokee County*

MOMENTUM CHURCH

Budget Surplus

Thanks to Governor Brian Kemp for opening up Georgia and strong fiscal responsibility, we have a record budget surplus. I am thrilled to report we are able to invest in boosting teacher and state employees' pay, public safety, healthcare and lower taxes. Every tax paying Georgian will be receiving a \$250 tax refund this year. Georgia maintains a balanced budget with no deficit!



Giving the Gift of Life Act



After the successful donation of my kidney to my son Will in July 2021, we have embraced a calling and mission to help others with organ transplants. I am proud to report we have passed this bill out of the Senate!

I authored Senate Bill 330, the Giving the Gift of Life Act to save thousands of lives. The legislation has three parts to protect living donors from losing or being denied life insurance, raises the tax exemption to \$25,000 and provides a tax credit for businesses to assist their employees with organ donation.

Organized Retail Crime

The Georgia Inform Consumers Act. SB 332, passed the Senate 51-0. SB 332 would continue Georgia's efforts to crack down on organized retail crime by providing critical protections for consumers who unknowingly purchase stolen and counterfeit products from online marketplaces. Specifically, SB 332 would require online marketplaces to verify high-volume third-party sellers and provide consumers with an email, phone number or direct electronic communication to contact sellers with questions or concerns about the products they are seeking to purchase. Last year, it cost consumers \$69 billion dollars throughout our nation and we're trying to curb that by making sure we're not facilitating the process of crime through online marketplaces.



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Legislation

All of my legislation is moving very well passing our committees and the Senate.

My focus will always be on protecting families, businesses and keeping Georgia the #1 place to live, work and play.



- Protecting GA Business & Workers Act
 - Giving the Gift of Life Act
 - Inform Consumers Act
 - 911 Dispatchers POAB Access
 - Max Gruver Act 2.0
 - Safe & Secure Georgia Act
 - EMS Rapback Program
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Georgia Cities

Georgia is the 8th largest state in the nation with 535 cities and 159 counties. As the state continues to grow, additional cities have been created to bring local government closer the people. In the past two decades, ten new cities have formed in Fulton, Dekalb and Gwinnett county.

Your Georgia legislature does not create new cities. We can only allow citizens to vote on a referendum for a new city. The foundation of our great republic is the opportunity for self determination. I will not campaign for or against cityhood, but do believe in allowing citizens the right to vote. There will be several cities on the ballot in Cobb County this year.

Protecting Georgia Businesses & Workers

I was proud to author and pass SB 331, the Protecting Georgia Businesses and Workers Act out of the Senate. This bill assures no local government may regulate the hours that a business requires an employee to work. Labor laws are reserved for state and federal oversight. We want to keep Georgia the #1 State for business! I was proud to have support from the: NFIB, Metro Atlanta & GA Chamber of Commerce, GRA, AHLA, GHLA and others.





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