



## December 2023 Newsletter

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah & Happy New Year! Too often we are caught up in "political correctness" and miss the reason for the season. I am proud to wish you great tidings of joy and hope you will pass it along. To my Jewish friends let the lights lead your way to a Happy Hanukkah and know we stand with you and Israel during this troubling time.

We love to celebrate Christmas in the Albers house and have many wonderful traditions. For me, Christmas is a day of celebration in remembrance of the Lord giving us his only son. It's in this spirit that we spend the season preparing for his arrival and giving gifts to others. While we preoccupy ourselves with shopping for the perfect gift for family and friends, let's remember that the best gift we can give is service to one another.

### 2024 Legislative Session

The legislature updated the redistricting maps per Judge Jones order earlier this month and will return to the second year of the legislative biennial on Monday, January 8th at your Georgia State Capitol.

I have many important priorities to protect our great state and continuing to make us the best place to live, work, play, and raise a family.



### Property Tax Reform

The current property tax system is broken. Local governments arbitrarily value homes which change regularly based on state law. Several years ago, we reset property taxes in North Fulton for the cities, county, and schools. In addition, we capped increases to 3% per year. With the recent 40-year high inflation this saved homeowners significantly. We are working on a similar solution for Cherokee & Cobb Counties. In addition, I am working on a statewide solution

to bring transparency, logic, and property tax reductions.

### **Fulton County Jail Update**

As the Senate Chairman of Public Safety, I appointed a subcommittee to fully investigate the root cause and the solutions available to us.

We are continuing to conduct the investigation and have additional meetings scheduled this year and into 2024. This is an important issue and must be fixed permanently.



### **Lowering the Income Tax - Again!**

I was proud to stand with Governor Brian Kemp, Lt. Gov Burt Jones and other legislative leaders to announce the acceleration of the income tax reduction. Our conservative fiscal policy and regulations have led to overwhelming success in Georgia so we can continue to lower taxes and reduce the burden on taxpayers.

### **Workforce Study Committee**

I was honored to chair the Senate Workforce Study Committee. We concluded our business and delivered the final report.

The report includes important recommendations which will now lead to further legislative action to ensure Georgia has the Workforce now and into the future. You can find the report [HERE](#).



### **Artificial Intelligence Committee**

We held my second committee meeting on Artificial Intelligence at the Capitol on 12/4. We listened to testimony from Microsoft and the Heritage Foundation. I am working diligently to educate legislative members and look toward proper guardrails moving forward.

