



December 2017 Newsletter

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and 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 true tidings of joy and hope you will pass it along. We love to celebrate Christmas in the Albers house and have many wonderful traditions. To my Jewish friends, may the light of the season illuminate your life as bright as the Menorah.

December is a busy month preparing for the upcoming 2018 legislative session. I am sponsoring several important pieces of legislation to create jobs, empower a responsible society and be excellent stewards of taxpayer dollars. I enjoy serving as your Senator and look forward to a prosperous new year.



Georgia Ranked #1

For the 5th year in a row, Georgia has been named the #1 place for business by Site Selection magazine. We have also received numerous other awards and designations. This did not happen by accident. It has taken hard work and a team effort with businesses and government working together to improve lives. Well done Georgia!



Study Committee Continues

As mentioned in prior editions, I sponsored and passed SR 222 this year creating the Georgia Senate Special Tax Exemption Study Committee. I serve as Chairman of the six-member study committee and we have held meetings throughout the state..

Our final meeting was held at the Capitol where the committee began assembling the final report. I will share the details when completed in future communications. I am very proud of the work being done.



Giving Back

Christmas and Hanukkah are a wonderful time to begin volunteering. Communities across the state host programs and events during the holidays, such as food drives, charity auctions and unique events for the elderly or those with special needs. There are so many simple ways to give someone the gift of a helping hand. Volunteer at a charity or give an extra can of food to North Fulton Community Charities. Buy breakfast for a coworker. Send a few extra holiday greeting cards just to show you care. Help somebody with their luggage at the airport. Let somebody check out at the mall before you. Give your parking space to another driver. These small gestures of giving may not come wrapped in a box or topped with a big red bow, but they'll mean more to the recipient than any material possession ever could. I enjoy buying lunch for the car behind me at Chick-fil-A...



New 3 Wheel License

On November 3rd we issued the first three wheel license waiver thanks to my good friend Karl Snell, DDS, Lt. Governor Casey Cagle and everyone in the community who came together to make a meaningful difference in the lives of all Georgians.

Three wheel motorcycles are not cars or traditional motorcycles and offer our citizens, whether it be first-time riders, veterans, the elderly or those who are disabled, a unique opportunity to experience the joys of riding throughout our great state.

While we want everyone to enjoy being part of the riding community, we want to ensure that everyone is able to do so in a safe and proper manner. This is a prime example of what happens when we all come together to improve a process and make things better for all of our citizens.



Fulton County Tax Assessments

I have been working diligently to provide a long-term fix to the Fulton County tax assessment fiasco. The solution will protect homeowners, schools and cities in a balanced manner. The county will still need to address systemic issues with the assessors office. My goal is to provide a floating homestead exemption or maximum cap of 3% on all three portions of your residential property tax bill. We want our home values to increase, but not at the penalty or expense to our families. This allows everyone to budget and provide the fairness and transparency needed.





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