



October 2018 Newsletter

Fall is in the air and election season is in full gear. During campaigns people often focus on the negative rather than the positive which is unfortunate. Georgia has been leading the way on so many issues from the economy, criminal justice reforms, fiscal responsibility, fully funding education, lowering the income tax and serving our families. I will continue to lead with positive solutions making Georgia the best place to live, work, play and raise a family.

My younger son Ryan is enjoying his junior year at Roswell High School while being dual enrolled at GSU. We are also beginning traditional college visits which are always exciting. Kari and I enjoyed this experience with our older son Will who graduated from UNG just last year. These are precious times as we watch our boys grow up into responsible men. We have worked hard to teach them the important foundations of life: faith, family, service, values, tenacity, compassion and hard work.



Economy & Jobs

Great news as our great nation added 201,000 jobs last month and yearly wage growth hit a nine-year high! Georgia is the #1 place to do business for 5 years in a row (record breaking) and the unemployment rate is down to 3.8%. We are continuing on an upward path building on a better and stronger Georgia. We have seen growth across the board in many different industries and have a very diversified economy. More and more companies are relocating to Georgia every day, and our native companies are continuing to expand and thrive in our state. As President Ronald Reagan once said, "Jobs are the best social program ever created".



Serving Others - Ava's Law

I am very proud of the legislation I authored, sponsored and passed over the years. One of the most special is Ava's Law. Championing the children and families of those with Autism was a great victory for Georgia. Take a moment to watch the video on the right to learn more.



Fulton Property Tax Reform

I have been leading the effort to fix this problem although the cause is coming from Fulton County. I led the charge working with my colleagues earlier this year to pass important legislation to solve this problem moving forward and I need your help!

Please be sure to **vote "YES" on the three ballot questions** this November to cap property taxes starting in 2019. This will also reset your home value to the lowest amount of the values during 2016, 2017 and 2018. If these questions pass, your value can never increase more than 3% or the CPI, whichever is lower. This will help protect our families and homeowners moving forward. The third question will help senior citizens aged 65 and older receive a homestead exemption up to \$50,000.

Campaign Season

It has been my honor and privilege to serve you in the Georgia Senate. I am running for re-election this November and would sincerely appreciate your support. During my tenure, I have sponsored critical legislation and budget items helping our families, businesses, first responders, veterans, schools, senior citizens, roads and more. Georgia is leading the way and we want to continue the momentum. If you would like a yard sign and/or are willing to help my campaign, please send me an email to: helpjohn@senatorialbers.com.

Traffic Solutions

Reducing commute times and improving public safety is always a top priority. In the past few years, we have added billions of dollars to the budget to fund new transportation projects. Earlier this year we passed a comprehensive transit bill as well, which will assure North Fulton gets a fair share without additional taxes. The solution is an "all of the above" answer as my focus will always be improving the lives of families in an expedited and meaningful way. The GA-400 and I-285 interchange is under construction and when completed will make a very positive difference.

- ✓ Do you approve a new homestead exemption from Fulton County school district property taxes for educational purposes in the amount of the difference between the current year assessed value of a home and its lowest base year value, provided that the lowest base year value will be adjusted yearly by the lesser of 3 percent or the inflation rate?"
- ✓ Do you approve a new homestead exemption from "Your City" property taxes for city purposes in the amount of the difference between the current year assessed value of a home and its lowest base year value, provided that the lowest base year value will be adjusted yearly by the lesser of 3 percent or the inflation rate?"
- ✓ Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption from Fulton County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of \$50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are older than 65 years of age?"
- ✓ John Albers, Senator District 56





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