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Senator John Albers

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Newsletter

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Welcome

The 2023 legislative session has been adjourned, Sine Die! I am proud of our work this year. While everything did not pass, this is the first of a two year process. All bills currently in process will still be active when we return in January of 2024. I have listed several highlights below.

As many of you know, I donated a kidney to my son Will in 2021. We have made it our mission to help others Donate Life! The first ever Living Donor Awareness Game will be at Truist Field when our Atlanta Braves take on the Marlins on April 25th. I hope will join us for this great cause! More information is listed below.

From the Albers family to your family, we wish you a very Happy Easter & Passover!

FY 2024 Budget



Below are several highlights from the FY 2024 budget we passed:

- \$1B state income tax rebate
- No deficit - balanced budget
- 500 new waivers for those with special needs.
- Increased compensation for all state employees and additional raises for law enforcement.

Sine Die!

On Wednesday, March 29, the Georgia General Assembly closed out the 2023 Legislative Session on Sine Die. Not only did we have a productive Legislative Day 40, but we had an incredibly productive session. I want to extend my gratitude to Governor Brian Kemp and Lt. Governor Burt Jones and the Republican Majority Caucus for such a successful session. This past week the Senate passed a substantial amount of bills that will continue to uphold Georgia's standard as the number one state in the nation to not only do business but to live, work and raise a family.

On Wednesday, the Senate took up House Bill 188, legislation I had the privilege of carrying in the Senate. Representative Steven Sainz (R – St. Marys) and I, along with others, worked tirelessly to pass this important piece of legislation. Known as "Mariam's Law," HB 188 ensures Georgians are protected from the most dangerous predators. This well-crafted legislation increases prison sentences for certain sexual offenses and requires repeat offenders to wear a device capable of tracking, amongst other requirements. The need for "Mariam's Law" comes after the 2019 Supreme Court decision in the United States vs. Haymond, and the murder of 27-year-old Mariam Abdulrab in 2021. After coming home from work, Mariam was kidnapped from her very own doorstep and murdered. The alleged murderer, who is awaiting trial, has multiple prior sexual felonies. HB 188 passed with bipartisan support and awaits Governor Kemp's signature to enact this legislation into law. I want to express my gratitude to Mariam's brother Ali and her best friend Irene for their amazing work through advocacy and honoring her memory.



John's Bills



I was able to pass 22 bills and resolutions which are now with Governor Brian Kemp for his consideration. Some of the highlights include:

- Increased jurisdiction for the GBI
 - Reducing Barrier for State Employment
 - Consumer Protection
 - Supporting Law Enforcement
 - Economic Development
 - Tax process simplifications
 - Streamline license process
 - Mariam's Law
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LIVING DONOR AWARENESS GAME

TEAM



**TUESDAY,
APRIL 25**
TRUIST PARK

TEAM



Join us for the inaugural Living Donor Awareness Game on April 25th at 7:20pm, at Truist Park.

We will be recognizing Senator John Albers and his son Will as living kidney donor representatives, as well as Joe Isaksen and Paul Hailstone as living liver donor representatives.

Each person that buys a ticket by April 17th will automatically be put in the drawing for an autographed Ian Anderson Baseball

A portion of each ticket sold will benefit the Georgia Transplant Foundation and the Living Liver Foundation.

Purchase your tickets today at:

<https://fevogm.com/event/Livingdonor>



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