



## July 2025 Newsletter

This summer, our work on your behalf continues in full force. I'm actively serving on several committees, meeting with department leaders, engaging with local organizations, and attending conferences across the state. One of the most important parts of my job is helping constituents navigate challenges and get results. It's an honor to serve you and be your voice in government.

Like many Americans, I was horrified by the tragic assassination of Minnesota State Representative Melissa Hortman and her husband Mark. We are also praying for a full and speedy recovery for State Senator John Hoffman and his wife Yvette, who were also victims of this violent attack. These cowardly acts go against everything we stand for as Americans. In Georgia, we enforce the law, and anyone who commits violent crimes will be held accountable to the fullest extent.

Meanwhile, Georgia continues to set the standard for economic growth. Under the leadership of Governor Brian Kemp, we're seeing record job announcements and investment across every region of our state. Our population is also growing, as families from high-tax, high-crime states like California, New York, and Illinois choose to relocate here. We welcome them, but we also remind them: Georgia is thriving because of conservative, commonsense leadership. Let's keep it that way and protect what makes our state #1.



### Tax Cuts & Refund Update

We are once again sending money back to you with tax refunds!

- \$250 for single filers and married individuals filing separately
- \$375 for head of household filers
- \$500 for married individuals filing jointly

In addition, we passed another income tax cut reducing Georgia's income tax rate from 5.39% to 5.19% on the way to 4.9%. We will continue our focus lowering the rate until we get to zero!

Georgia continues to have a balanced budget and AAA bond rating which ranks as one of the best in the nation.

## Georgia Jobs & Employment

The rate of employment in Georgia continues to thrive. While other states on the West Coast and Northeast continue to suffer from out-of-control taxes, regulations, and crime, we are doing the exact opposite in Georgia.

We continue to lower taxes, support our job creators, and ultimately families. As your Senator, I will continue to help assure we stay the #1 place to live, work, play, and raise a family.



## Four Years Later

On July 21st, it will be 4 years since my son Will and I walked into Emory Hospital at 5:00 am for kidney transplant surgery. Some days, it feels like it was an eternity ago, and others like it was yesterday.

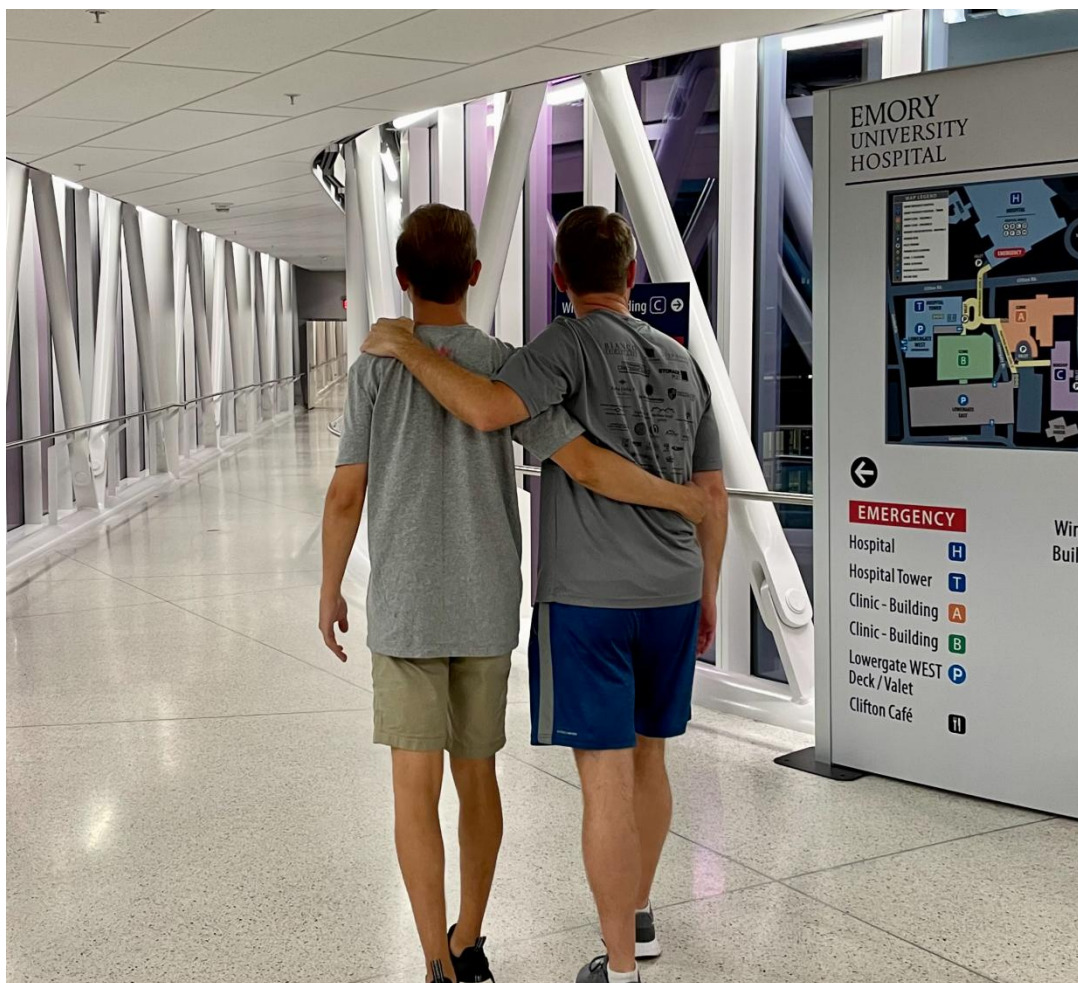
Our story began in August of 2020, when Will was rushed to the hospital. We learned he was in kidney failure and almost lost him. Will was immediately put on dialysis, and the impact on both him and the family was substantial. The doctor's appointments were never-ending, he was in pain, and was surrounded by others in the same situation where there was a constant fear that he would endure this forever. The surroundings were challenging and it was difficult to remain positive.

On July 1st of 2021, I received the greatest phone call of my life... I WAS THE MATCH to donate a kidney to Will! I cannot fully describe the emotions I experienced hearing from the medical team at Emory Hospital after many months of testing. We asked people to pray for Will, me, our family, and the medical staff. Millions of people worldwide read our post and offered prayers and support.

Along the way, God sent angels to help light the path ahead. We kept our situation quiet at first and felt it was important to share the story. We want to empower people to go to their doctor if they are feeling ill, understand kidney disease and get tested, support those in need, learn their family history and how to become an organ donor. We know God had a plan, and our mission is now to share our experience and serve others.

In the time since, we have successfully passed the "Giving the Gift of Life Act" in Georgia and other states and are working on federal legislation. We have numerous initiatives underway to increase organ donation and save lives including our foundation: [www.2nd-alarm.com](http://www.2nd-alarm.com). We also work with countless wonderful organizations to solve problems, mentoring families, and paying it forward.

The outpouring of support these past three years is still overwhelming, heartwarming, and simply more than words can describe. Will and I are both doing great! We are fully healed and working tirelessly. Thank you to our worldwide prayer army. There is goodness all around us and we are grateful and healthy four years later.



On July 4th, we will celebrate the 249th anniversary of the Independence of America. This day in history began the rise of the greatest nation on earth bringing liberty and freedom along with a



beacon of light to the world. The 56 men who signed the Declaration sacrificed everything including three from Georgia: Georgia Walton, Lyman Hall, and Button Gwinnett.

***From the Albers family to your family, Happy Independence Day!***

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