



Summer 2026 Newsletter

As summer continues across Georgia, I hope you and your family are enjoying a season filled with time together, community events, and well-earned opportunities to relax and recharge. While the regular and special legislative sessions have concluded under the Gold Dome, the work of serving our communities continues every day. From advancing policies that strengthen our economy and improve affordability, to supporting public safety, education, and innovation, I remain focused on delivering results that matter to the families and businesses of our district. Thank you for the continued honor of serving you in the Georgia State Senate, and I look forward to sharing important updates, highlights, and opportunities to stay engaged throughout the summer.

Public Safety

As Senate Chairman of Public Safety, I work closely with local, state, and federal first responders to help keep Georgia families and businesses safe. We must never allow the violence and unrest seen in downtown Atlanta in 2020 and 2021 to happen again. Protecting our communities and upholding the law requires strong leadership and courage. I will continue working tirelessly to defend all Georgians, hold local governments accountable, and support my fellow first responders.



Special Legislative Session

Governor Brian Kemp called the General Assembly back into legislative session on June 17th. We concluded on June 22nd with enhanced auditing for election results and ratified the suspension of the gas tax saving Georgians hundreds of millions at the pump. As always, I am laser-focused on affordability.

Georgia Senate Republicans proudly passed measures to reduce your property taxes earlier this year. Each city and county must then hold a referendum to allow for a fair sales tax to lower property taxes. This takes a 2/3 majority vote in the Senate and House to complete the process. I know how hard Georgia families are working to make ends meet. Sadly, during our special session Senate Democrats chose to deny Georgians, including many of their own constituents, the right to vote on property tax relief. At a time when families are facing rising costs and homeownership is increasingly difficult to achieve, Georgians deserve the opportunity to vote on measures that could help keep the American Dream within reach.

These bills would not have imposed a new tax or automatically changed anyone's property taxes. Instead, they would have allowed local voters to decide whether to adopt a fair local option sales tax in exchange for lowering their property tax burden. Now, voters will not have the opportunity to make that decision this November. When I first joined the Senate, one lesson stood out: local legislation should be guided by the lawmakers who know their communities best. That long-standing tradition has served this institution well by respecting local control and the people we were elected to represent. Departing from that principle sets a precedent that could affect every member of this body, regardless of party.

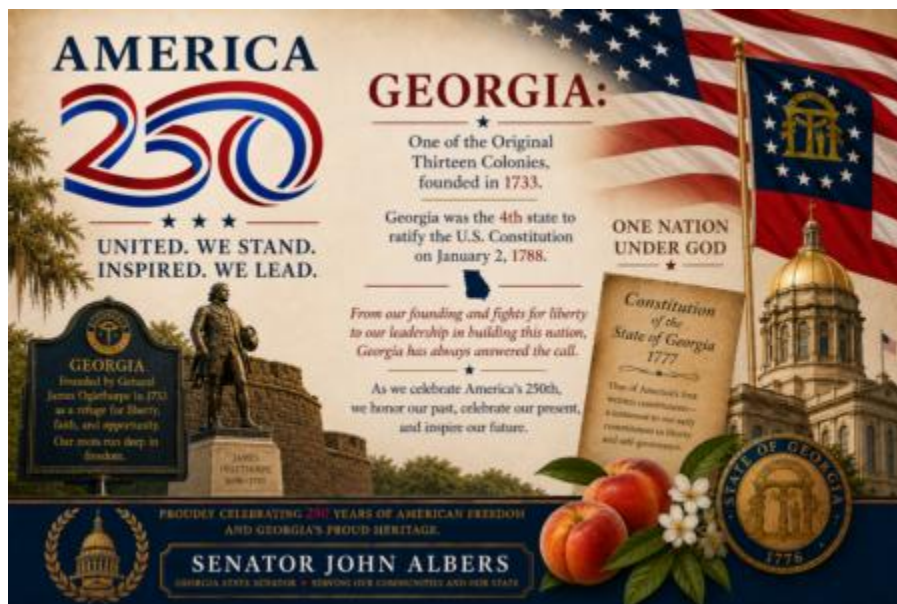
The Star-Spangled Banner



[Watch Senator Albers tell the story of our National Anthem](#)

Happy Independence Day - America 250

As we celebrate America's 250th Anniversary and Independence Day, we reflect with gratitude on the courage, sacrifice, and vision of those who founded our nation in 1776. For two and a half centuries, the United States has stood as a beacon of freedom, opportunity, innovation, and hope for generations at home and around the world. This historic milestone is more than a celebration of our past. It is a call to honor the enduring values of liberty, democracy, and unity that continue to define the American spirit. As fireworks light the sky this Independence Day, may we recommit ourselves to building an even stronger future for the next generation and proudly celebrate the blessings of living in the greatest nation on Earth.



Support Local Business

After more than 30 years as a firefighter, I understand the destruction a fire can cause. On March 1st, my friend Paul Ardaji and his beautiful restaurant, Bellini in Roswell, faced that reality when flames rose from the roof. Thanks to the quick action of the staff and the outstanding work of the Roswell Fire Department, no one was hurt. It has been a long road back for Paul, his family, and their small business. Bellini has now reopened and will celebrate on Tuesday, June 30. My wife,

Kari, and I will be there as Paul thanks the first responders and the community for their kindness and support. I hope to see you then or another day soon.



Bellini Osteria Toscana
GRAND RE-OPENING
After the Fire

THE FIRE

THANK YOU
ROSWELL FIRE
DEPARTMENT &
OUR COMMUNITY

*We are deeply grateful
for your support,
courage, and kindness.*

JOIN US AND CELEBRATE

TUESDAY,
JUNE 30TH 5 PM
TO CLOSE

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GREAT FOOD. WARM HOSPITALITY. STRONGER TOGETHER. *See you soon!*

Your Georgia State Capitol

The Georgia State Capitol stands as one of Georgia’s most historic and recognizable landmarks, serving as the center of state government and democracy since 1889. Located in the heart of downtown Atlanta, the Capitol is home to the offices of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Secretary of State, as well as the chambers of the Georgia House of Representatives and Georgia

State Senate. Its iconic gold dome, covered in gold leaf from Dahlonega, Georgia, symbolizes the state's rich history and enduring spirit.

Beyond its role in government, the Capitol serves as a living museum that reflects Georgia's history, culture, and growth. Visitors can explore historic memorials, artwork, and exhibits honoring Georgia's military service members, civic leaders, and pivotal moments in the state's development. The building's architecture combines classical design with intricate craftsmanship, making it one of the most beautiful Capitol buildings in the nation.

Each legislative session, the Capitol becomes a gathering place where elected officials, advocates, students, and citizens come together to debate ideas and shape policies that impact millions of Georgians. It is a place where tradition meets progress, preserving the values of our past while working toward a stronger future for generations to come. For many visitors, the Capitol is a reminder that public service and civic engagement remain vital to the success of our state.

The Georgia State Capitol is also a wonderful destination for visitors who want to experience Georgia government firsthand. Thousands of students, families, civic organizations, and community groups tour the Capitol each year to learn about the legislative process and the history of our state. Guests can observe committee meetings and legislative sessions, meet with elected officials, and explore the historic halls where important decisions are made every day. Participating in the legislative process whether by attending a hearing, speaking with lawmakers, or simply visiting the Capitol is an important reminder that government works best when citizens stay informed, engaged, and involved in shaping the future of Georgia. I look forward to seeing and hearing from you.

