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Senator Pete Flores (R-Pleasanton) Eager to Get Back to Work in Third Called Special Session

The third called special session of the 88th Legislature convenes today, October 9, 2023 at 1PM.

AUSTIN, TX – Today at 1PM the Texas Senate will convene to begin the third called special session of the 88th Legislature. Governor Abbott included education freedom, border security and infrastructure, smuggling, and COVID-19 vaccine mandates on the call. Ahead of the start of session, Senator Pete Flores (SD-24) issued the following statement:

“The Governor’s call includes several conservative priorities which failed to cross the finish line in the regular session, and I am eager to get back to work,” said Flores. **“I am especially pleased to see smuggling legislation on the call. Today, I filed Senate Bill 4 (88-3) similar to the bill I filed in the 88th regular session and the first called special session. The increased penalties for smuggling will deter this heinous criminal activity and protect innocent persons.**

“We have seen an exponential increase in border crossings over the last few months, and continue to see a lack of action from our federal government. There is no time to wait for President Biden to step up and do his job, so Texas must act now to preserve the sanctity of our southern border. Governor Abbott has already done incredible work over the past few months to continue installation of a border wall and other deterrents but we face wasteful lawsuits from the feds. This is unacceptable.”

When asked about the education savings accounts, Flores stated, **“Providing Texas parents with the best resources and opportunities for their children is crucial. I supported Senate Bill 8 during the regular session, and hope to work with my colleagues to pass it again so families have more control over their education. While I was disappointed to see teacher raises and public school funding were both left off the call, I am proud Chairwoman Huffman has still convened the Senate Finance committee on these matters in hopes of the Governor extending the call. Our teachers deserve to know the legislature supports them, and I am hopeful we will be able to deliver on the funding soon.”**

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