

Howdy!

Thank you again for your continued interest in supporting Texas A&M as an Aggie Advocate. With the 86th Legislative Session underway in Austin, members in both chambers have been given committee assignments and have begun hearing testimony. There are a few Senate committees which are particularly important to Texas A&M University:



Senate Committee Hearing Room

Senate Higher Education and Senate Finance . Going forward, each will play a

vital role in providing both revenue and policy that will have a significant effect on current students and future students.

The following is a list of members appointed to the Senate Higher Education committee:

1. Sen. Brandon Creighton (Chair)
2. Sen. Royce West (Vice Chair)
3. Sen. Paul Bettencourt '80
4. Sen. Dawn Buckingham
5. Sen. Beverly Powell
6. Sen. Larry Taylor
7. Sen. Kirk Watson

The following is a list of members appointed to the Senate Finance committee:

1. Sen. Jane Nelson (Chair)
2. Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa (Vice Chair)
3. Sen. Paul Bettencourt '80
4. Sen. Brian Birdwell
5. Sen. Donna Campbell
6. Sen. Pete Flores '83
7. Sen. Kelly Hancock
8. Sen. Joan Huffman
9. Sen. Lois Kolkhorst
10. Sen. Robert Nichols
11. Sen. Charles Perry
12. Sen. Larry Taylor
13. Sen. Kirk Watson
14. Sen. Royce West
15. Sen. John Whitmire

While there is no "call to action" at this time, we would like for you to consider mailing or emailing senators from this list whom you may know and/or who represent your district. The purpose of this letter is to congratulate them on their appointment and identify your interest in higher education, particularly as it relates to Texas A&M. If a senator is on both committees, it is perfectly acceptable to write just one letter. Below is a sample script that you can use as a guide (please try to avoid copying it verbatim, however), or feel free to craft your own personal message.

Mailing and email addresses for each senator can be found [here](#).

Thanks for all of your advocacy efforts on behalf of Texas A&M!

Gig 'em,

David Fujimoto '17

Sample Text for Congratulations Letter

Good [morning/afternoon/evening], [Rep./Sen.][name],

I recently learned that you were appointed to the [insert committee name], and wanted to extend to you my congratulations on this significant achievement.

There are many important issues facing Texas this legislative session, and I know you and your colleagues will work tirelessly over the next several months to address them.

Chief among the issues I will be closely following is higher education. As a proud graduate of Texas A&M University, I look forward to working with you and your staff to ensure higher education, and specifically Texas A&M, are given the proper resources they need to ensure the next generation of Texans have access to the remarkable education that I was afforded.

Again, thank you for your service to our state, and congratulations on your appointment.

Respectfully,

**Name
City, State|**

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