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**SB 6: Healthy Texas/Reinsurance**

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This week I filed Senate Bill 6, which is legislation to enable small employers to have more access to the private insurance market.

The goal of SB 6 is to use a publicly funded reinsurance program that will allow private insurers to compete for the small business market. This will result in greater availability of health insurance products for private small businesses at more affordable premiums.

Unfortunately Texas is the highest uninsured state in the country. Texas has a lot of small employers who would like to be included in a group health insurance plan, but simply can't because it is not affordable. This program should allow that type of market to develop for small employers.

The bill has the low number SB 6, indicating there is certainly leadership support for this type of a program. We have been working with the Lieutenant Governor's office in developing this product.

We look forward to hearing your comments on this legislation as we do all other legislation going through the Texas Legislature.

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