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# SENATOR JIM TRACY 2007 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

## Dear Fellow Tennessean:

I am pleased to present this legislative report as a way of keeping you informed. The legislature continues to address several important issues including illegal immigration, taxes, education, law enforcement and road funding.

I'm proud to have helped pass the largest tax cut in Tennessee history as a first step in completely removing the sales tax on food.

I hope you'll always feel free to contact me whenever you have advice, comments or questions. It is an honor to serve as your senator.



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# SENATOR TRACY HELPED PASS THE LARGEST TAX CUT IN TENNESSEE HISTORY!

## TRACY VOTES FOR BALANCED BUDGET AND LARGEST TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY

Senator Jim Tracy voted for a balanced state budget while also supporting the largest tax cut in Tennessee history. Tracy's vote for a one-half cent cut in the state sales tax on grocery food begins a process of permanently reducing Tennessee's tax on food.

### KEY ITEMS IN THE 2007-2008 BUDGET SENATOR TRACY SUPPORTED:

- Provides over \$20 million in new education funding to Bedford, Moore, and Rutherford county schools and Murfreesboro city schools.
- Authorizes an additional \$47.5 million in new road funding.
- Sets the state's Rainy Day Fund at a record \$750 million protecting us against a tax increase in case of an economic downturn.
- Continues sales tax holidays in April and August where clothing, computers, and school supplies are exempt from sales tax.

“We balanced the budget while increasing the rainy day fund and providing permanent tax relief to Tennesseans. We focused our financial resources on Tennessee's priorities: education, roads, and law enforcement.”

-Senator Jim Tracy



## CONTROLLING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

As Chairman of the Transportation Committee, Tracy passed a law requiring all drivers' license exams be provided only in English. The “driving certificates” program that provided a “license” to illegal aliens was abolished.

State troopers are now authorized to enforce immigration laws under federal law and to begin deportation proceedings for criminal illegal aliens.



## FIGHTING CRIME

Senator Tracy voted for four new laws aimed at protecting children and consumers:

- Convicted child sex predators must serve a 25-year minimum, mandatory sentence
- Schools and day care centers are required to conduct background checks on all employees who have contact with children
- Children under the age of seven are not permitted to remain in an automobile without adult supervision
- Consumers may put a freeze on credit reports so thieves cannot steal someone's identity and run up fraudulent charges



## IMPROVING OUR SCHOOLS

“If we really want to make education our top priority, we need to fund schools first. I supported legislation to fund public education before the legislature takes action on any other item in the state budget. It's time to put our money where our mouth is. That's why I voted to fund education first.”

Senator Tracy also voted to set aside \$100 million in excess lottery funds for K-12 school construction.