



We wrapped up the **7th week of the 2025 legislative session** as February came to a close, and now that it's the first week of March, Crossover Day is upon us. The Capitol will be a whirlwind of activity this week, with bills being debated, advocates coming to speak for many different issues, and committees working overtime to push legislation through before the deadline on March 6th.

This past week was full steam ahead as we fought to stop harmful legislation like HB 267. Fighting these bills is exhausting—and that's exactly the point (read below for more on that). Even though we may not have the ability to stop laws as the minority party, I will continue to ensure your voices are heard.

If you're at the Capitol this week, I hope you'll stop by and say hello—just be prepared for the semi-controlled chaos that pervades all at this point in the session. DeKalb Democrats will be at the Capitol for Crossover Day, and I encourage you to join them—check out the event link below for details. This is a great opportunity to see firsthand what's happening under the Gold Dome.

Buckle up - things are only picking up speed!

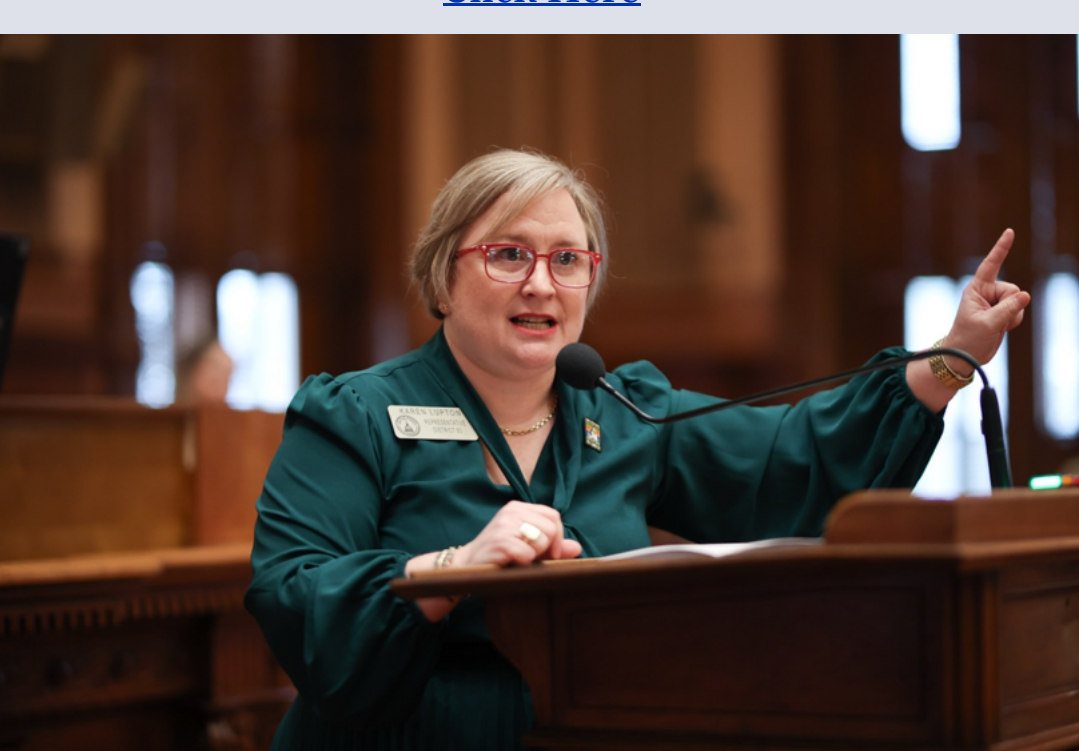


## What Happened This Week?

This past week I took to the House floor to speak out against **House Bill 267**—a bill designed to strip protections and dignity from transgender athletes in Georgia schools. Let's be clear: Republicans know this bill does nothing to protect girls and women in sports. If they truly cared, they would support meaningful legislation like **SB 441**, which actually addresses disparities in women's athletics. Instead, they are pushing policies rooted in fear, division, and Christian Nationalism that target vulnerable communities. And for the record—there are zero transgender women competing in Georgia sports.

You can **watch my full speech against HB 267 on my social media**.

[Click Here](#)



Beyond HB 267, several other bills moved through the House this week. Here are a few you should know about:

### **HB 329** – Expanding Access to Reproductive Healthcare

This bill would allow nurse practitioners and physician assistants to perform artificial insemination under physician supervision, increasing access to essential reproductive care.

### **HB 352** – Protecting Maternal Health

Known as the Georgia Gestational Diabetes Management Act, this bill ensures Medicaid covers continuous glucose monitors for pregnant individuals with gestational diabetes. Early detection and management can prevent severe complications and improve maternal health outcomes.

### **HB 428** – Protecting IVF in Georgia

This bill codifies the right to in vitro fertilization (IVF), ensuring families struggling with infertility continue to have access to this vital medical care.

### **HB 303** – Honoring Georgia's Black History

This bill would establish a monument honoring the Original 33, the Black legislators who were expelled from the General Assembly after Reconstruction. Recognizing this history is essential as we work toward justice and equality.

With Crossover Day this week, the fight is only intensifying. I'll continue to advocate for the rights and well-being of all Georgians—because these issues impact your lives.

## The Fun Stuff!

This week, I had the privilege of recognizing two incredible authors.

**Gina Gallois**, a children's author and wildlife advocate, uses her books to celebrate neurodiversity, while fostering empathy for misunderstood wildlife. Through bilingual storytelling and school visits, she promotes both conservation and inclusion.

**Mike Coleman**, recipient of the 2024 Georgia Author of the Year Award, was honored for his memoir *The Way from Me to Us*, widely recognized for its emotional depth and honesty. His work extends beyond memoir, having also authored *An Aquarium for Georgia*, a commemorative book on the construction of the Georgia Aquarium. Through his writing, he continues to inspire and connect with readers across various genres.



## Check Out My Instagram

This week I spoke with Rep Marvin Lim on a new podcast for the Georgia House

Democratic Caucus about tort reform. Now, if you hear “tort reform” and immediately tune out— please don't! Rep. Lim and I break it down, discussing what these proposed changes really mean and how they could impact YOU. From your right to seek justice in court to how corporations and insurance companies could benefit at your expense, we cover why this issue is more than just legal jargon—it's about fairness and accountability.

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If you want to stay up to date on what I'm working on and get an inside look at the Georgia legislature, be sure to set your Instagram to alert you when I go "Live" in the future. Can't catch me live? No problem—the videos will always be posted to my page so you can watch anytime. [Click Here](#) to follow along at **Karen4GA** and stay in the loop!

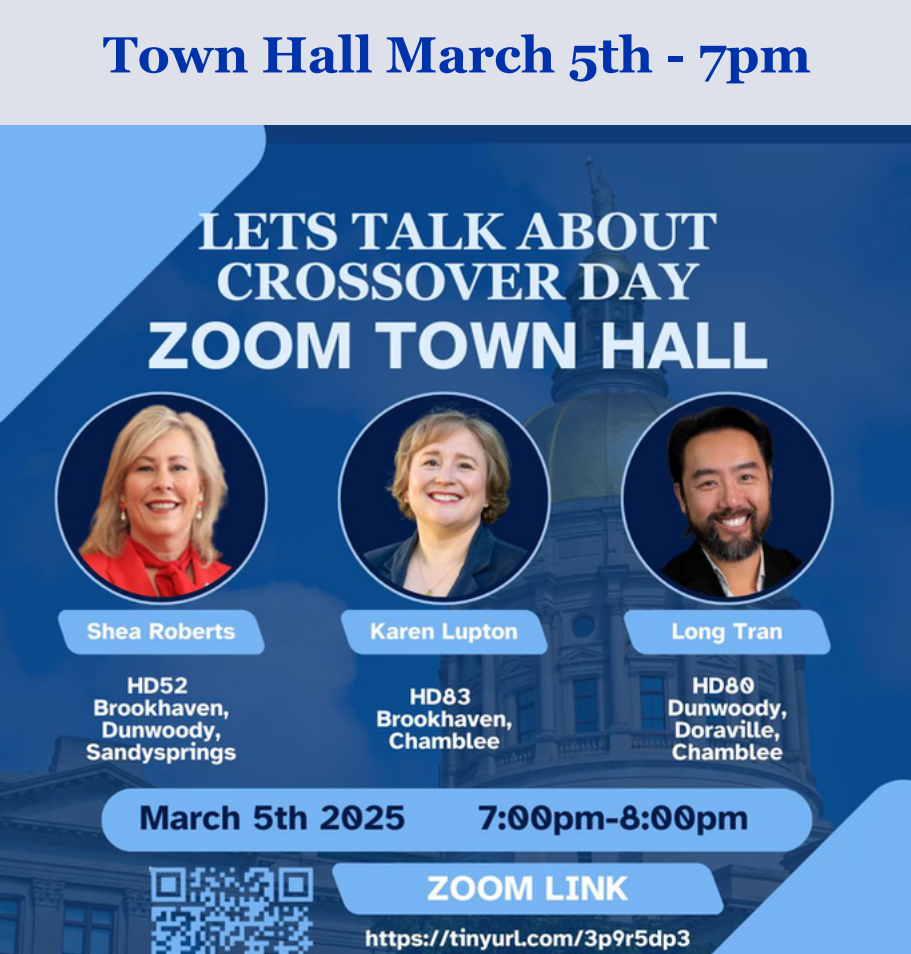
## Coming Up

### March 4th 2025 - Pride to the Capitol with HRC



[More Info Here](#)

### Town Hall March 5th - 7pm



Are you ready for Crossover Day (March 6th)? Please join me and my fellow Representatives, Shea Roberts and Long Tran for a Zoom Town Hall on March 5th. We'll share what to expect on this critical day and what you need to know. Crossover Day is the pivotal deadline in the Georgia legislative session when bills must move from one chamber to the other—House to Senate or vice versa—to give them a chance to pass; if not, they will likely be postponed until the next session.

[Register Here](#)

### March 5th 2025 - Habitat for Humanity Capitol Build Day



[More Info Here](#)

### March 6th 2025 - Dekalb Dems Crossover Day at the Capitol



[More Info Here](#)

As the legislative session continues, bills will be coming at us from all directions. I'm committed to keeping you informed and will let you know when your support is needed at the Capitol.

Stay tuned for updates and insights as these important decisions unfold. I value your input—feel free to reach out anytime at [karen.lupton@house.ga.gov](mailto:karen.lupton@house.ga.gov).

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