



Last week I was fortunate to announce a monumental and historic water agreement between the state, the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations and Oklahoma City. This forward-thinking agreement ensures that water permitting in southeast Oklahoma remains regulated by the state, which will continue to provide certainty for citizens and businesses alike. Water agreements are notorious for taking decades to settle and can be costly, divisive and disruptive. Fortunately for Oklahoma, everyone approached this process committed to hard work and cooperation which allowed us to achieve a great outcome for all parties involved.

On the national level, we learned of a victory in our case challenging the Federal Communications Commission's unlawful management of prison phone rates. The FCC announced they have modified plans to reduce rates charged by jails and prisons for inmate phone calls, which will in-turn prevent the state from losing already-scarce dollars. My office will continue to fight price controls set by the FCC for in-state calls because they represent yet another unlawful federal intrusion into state authority.

Have a blessed week -



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