

# Meet the Senate Sponsors for “No Heartbeat Act”/CBRS Session 2008 (Names and recognition are important.)

**Primary Sponsor: Senator Dan Weber, District 40 - Dunwoody, GA**

**Senator Chip Rogers, District 21 - Woodstock, G**

**Senator Nancy Schaefer, District 50 - Turnerville, GA**

**Senator George Hooks, District 14 - Americus, GA**

**Senator Renee S. Unterman, District 45 - Buford, GA**

**Senator Tommie Williams, District 19 - Lyons, GA**

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**\*\*\*Legislative Assistants are listed. They are the people you will most likely contact.**

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## **District 40**

### DeKalb County

Cities and Towns: Decatur (County Seat), Avondale Estates, Chamblee, Clarkston, Doraville, Lithonia, Pine Lake, Stone Mountain,

### Gwinnett County

Cities and Towns: Lawrence (County Seat), Berkeley Lake, Buford, Dacula, Duluth, Grayson, Lilburn, Loganville, Norcross, Snellville, Sugarhill, Suwanee



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## **District 21**

### Cherokee County

Cities and Towns: Canton (County Seat), Ballground, Holly Springs, Waleska, Woodstock,

### Cobb County

Cities and Towns: Marietta (County Seat), Acworth, Austell, Kennesaw, Powder Springs, Smyrna



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**District 50—**

Banks County

Cities and Towns: Homer (County Seat)

Franklin County

Cities and Towns: Carnesville (County Seat), Canon, Franklin Springs, Lavonia, Royston

Hart County

Cities and Towns: Hartwell (County Seat, Flovilla, Jenkinsburg

Habersham County

Cities and Towns: Clarkesville (County Seat), Alto, Baldwin, Cornelia, Demorest, Mount Airy, Tallulah Falls

Rabun County

Cities and Towns: Clayton (County Seat), Dillard, Mountain City, Sky Valley, Tiger, Tallulah Falls

Stephens County

Cities and Towns: Toccoa (County Seat), Avalon, Martin

Towns County

Cities and Towns: Hiawassee (County Seat), Young Harris

White County

Cities and Towns: Cleveland (County Seat), Helen

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**District 14—**

Sumter County

Cities and Towns: Americus (County Seat), Andersonville, Leslie, Plains

Talbot County

Cities and Towns: Talbotton (County Seat), Geneva, Junction City, Woodland

Taylor County

Cities and Towns: Butler (County Seat), Reynolds

Upson County

Cities and Towns: Thomaston (County Seat), Yatesville

Webster County

Cities and Towns: Preston (County Seat)

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**District 45**

Gwinnett County

Cities and Towns: Lawrenceville (County Seat), Berkeley Lake, Buford, Dacula, Duluth, Grayson, Lilburn, Loganville, Norcross, Snellville, Sugarhill, Suwanee

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**District 19**

Appling County

Cities and Towns: Baxley (County Seat, Graham, Surrency

Jeff Davis County

Cities and Towns: Hazlehurst(County Seat)

Liberty County

Cities and Towns: Hinesville (County Seat), Allenhurst, Flemington, Gumbranch, McIntosh, Midway, Rereat, Riceboro, Sunbury, Walthourville

Long County

Cities and Towns: Ludowici (County Seat)

Montgomery County

Cities and Towns: Mount Vernon (County Seat), Ailey, Alston, Higgston, Uvalda

Tattnall County

Cities and Towns: Reidsville (County Seat), Cobbtown, Collins, Glennville, Manassas

Toombs County

Cities and Towns: Lyons (County Seat), Vidalia

Wayne County

Cities and Towns: Jesup (County Seat), Odum, Screven

Wheeler County

Cities and Towns: Alamo (County Seat), Glenwood

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**The Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth (CBRS)** is most important to those who have experienced a stillbirth. But, as with any of our issues, supporting one another with whatever outreach we are addressing is most important. Over the course of the next 2 months, we are going to need as many people's support as we can gather.

**The main support needs will be:**

- Know your legislator <http://sos.georgia.gov/cgi-bin/Locator.asp> (Find YOUR legislator)
- Numbers count because they show strength and support so YOUR Active Support is important.
- **Call or write your legislator** when those in the senate or the house are going to vote for the CBRS. (We will send out an "URGENT CBRS" email to let you know.) We will have a sample script or letter for you to follow when this time comes. These calls and notes can come from your \*supportive friends and family members\* to THEIR Georgia representative. (For example: Our sister, brother, cousin, friend has experienced a stillbirth and they will find much comfort, support, and validation from this CBRS.)
- Their **Legislative Assistant** will most likely be the person you speak with. Know this person's name and know that what you say and how you say it...will be expressed to the senator that you called.
- When the bill is on the senate or house floor we will need parents to show up and "be counted." Please consider making a trip to the capitol and being part of this incredible event! (We will send out an "URGENT CBRS" email to let you know and we will ask for a RSVP.)
- **ALL support needs to be in the positive voice.** We are **advocating** not only for this hoped for bill, but for the entire **Pregnancy and Newborn Loss Community**. We are helping others "see" who we are and what issues are important to us.
- **Positive words, kind tones and replies, and "thank you's" for what they are doing for us, are important.** We are setting the model for our entire community. This is true even when a senator or representative is not on board with us. We hope that we can help them see WHY this is important not only for the families who have experienced stillbirth but for advocacy of our issues in general.
- [http://www.naeyc.org/policy/toolbox/bill\\_law.asp](http://www.naeyc.org/policy/toolbox/bill_law.asp) (Understanding the Process of Making of a Law)

So, please watch your email EVERY DAY. When "URGENT CBRS" comes to your email box, please consider doing what we are asking for that day. This is a time sensitive manner: February and March of 2008 is when Georgia's Session will be determining if Georgia's families will have the CBRS. Please help this happen. This is one of many causes and advocacy issues that will make a difference for our families.

**Thank you for helping to make "No Heartbeat Act"/Senate Bill 381 a reality.**

Erin and Marcia