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Senator José Rodríguez: Governor's focus on education, job growth, and infrastructure well placed; remarks on immigration, border security disappointing

Austin - State Sen. José Rodríguez issued the following statement on Gov. Greg Abbott's State of the State address today:

"I was encouraged today to hear the Governor lay out as priorities improving early education, elevating more tier one research universities, investing in transportation, and increasing economic opportunity. How we get there is the most important legislative discussion we can have. State revenues, even with lower oil prices, provide us with plenty of options. We have a historic opportunity to show our values as a state, and the question will be whether we think tax cuts in an already low-tax, low-service state puts us on a better footing for the future than making sure our citizens have access to quality education, health care, and jobs.

"In addition, I am disappointed by the Governor's remarks on immigration and border security. As recently reported by the Legislative Budget Board, current funding for border security lacks transparency and accountability. Instead of increasing funding for ill-defined security measures, we should invest in border infrastructure needs."

José Rodríguez represents Texas Senate District 29, which includes the counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. He represents both urban and rural constituencies, and more than 350 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. Senator Rodríguez currently serves as the Chairman of the Senate Hispanic Caucus, and a member of the Senate Committees on Education; Health and Human Services; Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; Nominations; and Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.