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Sen. Rodríguez commends creation of UTEP School of Pharmacy

Austin – The University of Texas System Board of Regents approved the University of Texas at El Paso's plan to create a School of Pharmacy and a new doctoral pharmacy program during a meeting today in Austin.

Creation of an independent six-year pharmacy program was one of UTEP's highest priorities for the legislative session this year, and I was proud to work with the university and Rep. Márquez to include \$7 million in the state's budget to realize this important goal. Without this new pharmacy school, UTEP would not have been able to produce enough pharmacists to meet our growing region's needs. Going forward, El Paso will be able to produce at home a growing cadre of culturally competent pharmacists specially trained to work in diverse areas of healthcare. The program is truly a tremendous boon to El Paso's healthcare future.

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 Texas Senate Democratic Caucus, and is a member of the Senate Committees on Education; Health and Human Services; Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; Nominations; and Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

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