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Sen. Rodríguez Statement on Supreme Court redistricting case

Despite plaintiffs' claims, everyone counts

Today, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *Evenwel v. Texas*. The plaintiffs argue that state Senate districts should be drawn based on citizen voting age population, as opposed to total population. Sen. Rodríguez, Chairman of the Senate Democratic Caucus, released the following statement:

Should the plaintiffs prevail, millions of people – children, legal permanent residents, and other taxpaying members of our community – would cease to exist for purposes of representation in government. Not only is this inequitable, it goes against the fundamental American principle of one person, one vote, which means everyone counts.

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.