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Sen. Rodríguez statement on President Obama's executive actions on gun control

El Paso - Senator Rodríguez issued the following statement regarding President Obama's announcement of the executive actions he will take on gun laws:

It's unfortunate Congress has become so obstructed that the President had to take this action. We simply must do more to protect citizens from the proliferation of deadly weapons, and I commend the President for his courage. Congress must do its job, particularly with respect to universal background checks, which have widespread public support, and at the state level, we must act responsibly to limit access to guns by children, domestic abusers, and people who use loopholes to get a gun license in other states that they would not be eligible for in Texas.

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.