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Sen. Rodríguez's statement on U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Fisher v. University of Texas*

Austin - Today, the U.S. Supreme Court held that "[t]he race-conscious admissions program in use at the time of Fisher's application is lawful under the Equal Protection Clause."

Sen. José Rodríguez released the following statement, on behalf of the members of the Texas Senate Democratic Caucus, regarding today's ruling in *Fisher v. University of Texas*:

The U.S. Supreme Court was correct to uphold The University of Texas at Austin's use of diversity considerations in its admission policy. The facts bore out that UT Austin has a narrowly tailored admissions policy that accounts for a number of factors, including family responsibility, socioeconomic status, languages spoken, ethnicity, and race among many other factors. UT Austin is the state's premier flagship university partly because of the diversity brought by the Top Ten Percent law and the narrowly tailored use of race and ethnicity in its admissions policy. We hope this puts an end to the long history of attacks on the ability of students of color to attend The University of Texas at Austin.

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.