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Statement on Secretary of State's Settlement and Withdrawal of Flawed Voter Purge List

El Paso - The following statement was released by State Sen. José Rodríguez:

Today's settlement reflects the hard work and strong commitment of numerous voter advocacy organizations to ensuring that all citizens, whether naturalized or not, are not discriminated against or harassed by the State.

This is a good first step towards addressing the damage done by the release and subsequent widespread dissemination of false, misleading information regarding Texas voters and the integrity of our voting system. It is unfortunate that it took the courts to force this remedy, especially when the State could have rescinded the seriously flawed voter purge list on its own more than two months ago.

This also doesn't repair the harm that's been done. Many Texans mistakenly believe evidence of mass voter fraud has been found. And even though they are eligible, many will choose to not vote for fear that they will be harassed by the State.

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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 Democratic Caucus, and is a member of the Senate Committees on Agriculture (Vice Chair); Natural Resources & Economic Development; Transportation; and Water & Rural Affairs.

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