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Senator César J. Blanco Appointed To Influential Senate Committees *"These committees are a win for El Paso & West Texas"*

Austin, Texas - Today, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick announced the senate committee assignments for the 87th Legislature. Senator César J. Blanco (El Paso) was appointed to four influential committees — The Senate Committees on Health & Human Services, Higher Education, Transportation, and Veteran Affairs & Border Security.

Senator Blanco issued the following statement:

"I am honored Lt. Governor Patrick has entrusted me with these key appointments. Membership on these committees are a huge win for El Paso and West Texas. These committee assignments will allow me to advocate for some of the most pressing needs in our region.

"The global pandemic has impacted all aspects of our lives. COVID-19 relief and recovery is a top priority this session. Through the **Senate Committee on Health & Human Services** I will be directly involved in shaping the state's public health policy and response to COVID-19 and addressing the health inequities that plague West Texas and border communities, including improving access to healthcare.

"College is a ladder of opportunity for many families out of poverty and the path to a brighter future. On the **Higher Education Committee** I will continue fighting to keep college within reach for working families and ensure our local higher education institutions — The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), El Paso Community College (EPCC), and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso (TTUHSC) — continue to prosper and transform our vibrant region.

"Our ports of entry and I-10 continue to be major economic engines, not just for our region, but the entire state. On the **Senate Transportation Committee**, I'll be focused on shaping policy that improves our transportation system with a multimodal approach to improve trade, job creation, and the movement of commerce and people in our region.

"Senate District 29 is home to Fort Bliss, forty-nine thousand veterans, and eighteen thousand active duty military. We are a vibrant district, with urban and rural communities as well as more than 350 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. As a Veteran, I look forward to serving on the **Veteran Affairs & Border Security Committee** to fight for our proud military city, our veterans, and ensure border security is smart and accountable.

"Through my committee appointments I will be able to keep the needs of our region at the forefront of major policy decisions. **I look forward to working with my Senate and House colleagues to bring forth solutions to help Texas families, small businesses, and our economy bounce back stronger than before.**"