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## **Senator César J. Blanco Pre-Files Legislation For The 88th Texas Legislative Session**

**Austin, Texas** - Today, Senator César J. Blanco filed 9 bills and joint-authored 8 additional bills on the first day of pre-filing legislation for the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature. Senator Blanco's first round of bills focuses on solutions to prevent gun violence, expand healthcare, and restore women's reproductive healthcare rights.

"Earlier this year, we lost 19 children and 2 adults at Robb Elementary, and 3 years ago, 23 lives in El Paso were cut short to gun violence. Texas can and should do more to keep our kids and communities safe from gun violence," said Senator César J. Blanco. "We previously filed these bills last session based on common sense recommendations from the Governor's 2019 Texas Safety Action Report published in response to the El Paso Wal-Mart Shooting. These bills will keep guns out of the hands of dangerous criminals while protecting the rights of law-abiding Texans."

Senator Blanco also joint-authored several bills to expand Medicaid, extend Medicaid benefits from 6 to 12 months postpartum, and restore women's reproductive healthcare rights.

"Texas leads the country in the number of residents without health insurance. Expanding Medicaid would not only cover millions of Texans but also curtail the rate of rural hospital closures and strengthen our state economy," said Senator Blanco. "Similarly, Texas has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the nation. Mothers deserve the peace of mind of knowing they will be able to access the health care coverage they need. By expanding Medicaid for mothers, we protect and promote both mom and baby's health, safety, and future."

The 88th Texas Legislative Session begins Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

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