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Senator César J. Blanco Votes Against House Bill 7

Austin, Texas – Today, the Texas Senate approved House Bill 7, which would create the Texas Border Force and a new criminal offense for Improper Entry From a Foreign Nation.

House Bill 7 would make it a state crime for migrants to enter the state anywhere but a port of entry and divert \$100 million of taxpayers' dollars for new detention centers, courts, and security in border communities.

Senator Blanco issued the following statement:

“As Legislators, we all want safer communities for our constituents and families. So while I believe we need border security, House Bill 7 is a dangerous approach from the State of Texas that will create more problems than it seeks to resolve.

“This bill is unconstitutional based on the Arizona v. U.S. decision and will not make our border communities any safer. With the creation of this Border Force, law-abiding border residents --- who are predominately Latino – will be subjected to dangerous profiling and harassment, leading to pretextual traffic stops.

“Our border communities know and understand our unique needs, and Texas should not be in the business of border security. We need Congress to pass legislation to enhance border security and provide a modern and permanent solution to our broken immigration system.

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