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Senator César J. Blanco Votes AGAINST Additional State Funding for Texas Border Wall and Operation Lone Star

Austin, Texas – Today, the Texas Senate approved Senate Bill 6, which would allocate \$1.6 billion towards Operation Lone Star and building a border wall along the Texas-Mexico border. Senator Blanco voted against the bill.

Senator Blanco issued the following statement:

"Our border communities are grappling with an unprecedented humanitarian crisis that demands a humanitarian response. However, using taxpayer's dollars to create a physical wall is a 3rd-century solution to a 21st-century problem. It's costly, ineffective, and inhumane.

"It's no secret that Congress has not done enough to support our border communities with adequate enforcement and a modern solution to immigration that is effective, orderly, and humane to provide paths to citizenship. Nonetheless, the federal government already has and will resume building fencing and walls in the highest-traffic areas.

"If Texas is going to be in the business of border security, we shouldn't duplicate what the federal government is doing. Taxpayers deserve transparency and accountability. We should focus our efforts on funding cost-effective measures for border enforcement such as building a digital wall with fiber optics and technology, supporting our local border communities who are on the front lines, and modernizing our ports of entry."

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