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

Austin, Texas – Today, Senator César J. Blanco voted against Senate Bill 3, which would allocate \$1.5 billion towards Operation Lone Star and a border wall, and Senate 4 which criminalizes migrants and asylum seekers.

Senator Blanco issued the following statement:

“Our border communities are grappling with an unprecedented humanitarian crisis that demands a humanitarian response. Senate Bill 3 is a 3rd-century solution to a 21st-century problem. It’s costly and ineffective. Border security is a federal responsibility. But if Texas is going to be in the business of border security, we need to ensure transparent, and accountable use of taxpayer dollars.”

“Furthermore, the federal government already has an offense for unlawful entry, and that has not deterred desperate migrants looking for a better life. Senate Bill 4 not only circumvents federal immigration and asylum regulations but also introduces new avenues for the criminalization of immigrants and asylum seekers.

“We need to stop criminalizing and dehumanizing immigrants. That attitude is extremely dangerous to our border communities and has extreme consequences, as we witnessed on August 3rd, 2019.”

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