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Senator César J. Blanco Secures Major State Investment to Expand Cancer Care in El Paso

Austin, Texas – Senator César J. Blanco is proud to announce \$65 million has been secured in the final state budget to support construction of the Steve and Nancy Fox Cancer Center and a new Clinical Sciences Building at Texas Tech Health El Paso — bringing the total state investment to \$130 million.

The cancer center is named in honor of El Paso community leaders and philanthropists, Steve and Nancy Fox, whose family donated \$25 million to help recruit top doctors, staff, and researchers. Construction is expected to begin in 2025.

Senator Blanco issued the following statement:

"El Paso is the largest city in Texas without a comprehensive cancer center. That means too many families are forced to travel hundreds of miles for care they should be able to get right here at home.

I'm proud to have secured this critical state funding to help change that. The Fox Cancer Center will be the first of its kind in our region, delivering advanced, multidisciplinary cancer care, research, and patient support services tailored to the needs of our Borderplex.

This investment is a major step toward closing the gap in access to care for Hispanic and rural patients, and toward meeting the rising demand for cancer treatment in Far West Texas."