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Senator César J. Blanco Pushes for Stronger Disaster Preparedness & Flood Response After Hearing from Affected Families

Kerrville, Texas – As a member of the Senate Select Committee on Disaster Preparedness and Flooding, Senator César J. Blanco participated in a field hearing in Kerrville on Thursday, July 31st. Committee members heard firsthand from local officials, first responders, and families who lost loved ones as they examined the state’s disaster response efforts and discussed ways to strengthen emergency preparedness and flood mitigation statewide.

Senator Blanco issued the following statement:

“My heart is with the families in Kerrville and across Central Texas who are mourning loved ones after this devastating flood.

“We heard emotional testimony from survivors, community leaders, and first responders who raised serious concerns about outdated mitigation plans, gaps in emergency response coordination, Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) training, interoperability communications, and the urgent need for stronger early-warning systems, especially in rural and river-adjacent communities.

“After visiting Kerrville, Hunt, and Camp Mystic and seeing the destruction firsthand, the stakes couldn’t be clearer. This disaster has shaken our state and underscored the urgent need to strengthen Texas’ disaster preparedness and response. We must act swiftly and thoughtfully to make sure tragedies like this do not happen again.”

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