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## Senator Menéndez Issues Statement On The Senate Passing SB 4

Austin, Texas - State Senator José Menéndez released the following statement condemning the passage of Senate Bill 4 out of the full Senate.

"Today was a cold day in the Texas Senate. The chilling effect this bill will have on immigrant families contributing to the Texas economy, attending college, reporting crimes, and going about their daily lives is dangerous and unprecedented. As the son of immigrant parents, I know firsthand the devastating effects this bill will have on families like mine. It will force law-abiding Texans into the shadows of our society."

"Throughout the debate on Senate Bill 4, law enforcement echoed these concerns. Police Chiefs and Sheriffs have spoken out against this bill because it makes us all less safe. They know this bill erodes trust between Texas families and law enforcement. It will lead to racial profiling and waste valuable resources in our sheriffs' offices and police departments."

"While this bill has passed the Senate, the fight is not over. I encourage Texans from all over the state to call their Representatives, rally at the Capitol, and voice your concerns with this dangerous legislation."