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Senator José Menéndez Issues Statement in Response to Sexual Harassment Claims Within the Texas Capitol

San Antonio, Texas – State Senator José Menéndez has released the following statement on the importance of appropriate conduct at the Texas State Capitol and steps that should be taken to foster a community of respect and dignity.

Senator José Menéndez released the following statement:

"Every person, no matter their status or role in our Capitol community, deserves to be treated with respect. Nobody should have to work in an environment where one's personal safety, dignity or livelihood can be threatened by those who would abuse their power over others. Our state government should have a mechanism in place for victims of harassment, abuse or assault to seek help without fear of retribution. Anyone found guilty of harassment, abuse, or assault should be fired or removed from office immediately. Our community, constituents, and families count on us to stand up for those who don't have a voice. That includes all those who dedicate their lives working for our state government. It is unacceptable that cases of misconduct have gone unreported by victims we should have been protecting. During this critical moment of reckoning in our nation and our state, I hope we can unite as leaders to foster a community of greater respect and support. I want every individual who passes through our great Capitol to know that they are in a safe zone where every voice matters."