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Senator Miles' Statement Regarding TSU Event

Free speech is our first amendment right and it is near and dear to my heart. Our community exercised this right during the Civil Rights Movement and continues to exercise this right today.

Recently, I chose to help defuse a potentially volatile situation at Texas Southern University, to protect the students, faculty, staff and a sitting state representative. It was evident that the university administration was not adequately informed about the unauthorized meeting and made the correct decision to postpone the meeting because of the escalating tensions and lack of security. The university is dedicated to working with the student group in the future to hold the program. This was nothing more than miscommunication between different entities at TSU and I explained that to Representative Briscoe Cain.

However, [the leader of a right-wing group decided to take it a step further by referring to my actions as "thuggish."](#) He decided to use this racist, disrespectful and discriminatory rhetoric to create further divisions for his own personal gain. As a sitting state senator and a ten-year veteran of the Texas Legislature, I am appalled by anyone who would choose to use such loaded language, especially when our state and nation are in need of uniting, not dividing.

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