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## BIRDWELL ANNOUNCES HEARING AT THE BORDER

AUSTIN— Senator Brian Birdwell, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Border Security, today announced that this committee would hold a field hearing in Eagle Pass, Texas on August 10, 2022. This hearing would be the fourth in a series of interim meetings for the Border Security Committee, which has been closely studying the state's return on an unprecedented financial investment in border security operations.

"Typically, Texas' official business is entirely conducted in Austin—the seat of government," Birdwell stated. "However, the border crisis is a unique problem for our state, and it warrants a slightly different approach. All Texans suffer under the neglectful immigration policies of the current administration, but the communities of the border region have been particularly impacted by these conditions. That's exactly why we're holding this hearing in Eagle Pass: to hear directly from Texans who endure an onslaught of illegal immigration, human trafficking, and drug smuggling on a daily basis."

The August 10, 2022 hearing will start at 8:30 AM in the ballroom of the International Center for Trade located at 3295 Bob Rogers Dr., Eagle Pass, TX 78852. The committee is seeking testimony from members of the public who reside in counties near and along the southern border.

Birdwell continued, "Until now, this committee has focused on how the state deploys its assets in furtherance of border security. In this upcoming hearing, however, we are going to focus on the impact on Texans who reside in the counties most directly affected by this crisis and give them the opportunity to share their thoughts and concerns. On matters concerning border security, Texans who call the border region home should have a convenient opportunity to express their views. Bringing this hearing to Eagle Pass affords the chance for local residents to address state government leaders without traveling to Austin."

Those citizens wishing to testify need only to attend and register as a witness on the day of the hearing. Per Chairman Birdwell's official hearing posting, the committee is giving priority to "witnesses who reside in counties along the southern border."

Birdwell closed his remarks with an expectation for the upcoming hearing. "I have no doubt that the committee members will be moved by the plight of the good people who live in these border regions. I am also confident that this hearing will provide constructive feedback and vital information that will help the state deliver more efficiency and productivity in pursuit of border security."

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*Brian Birdwell is a native Texan, decorated military veteran, lifelong conservative Republican, survivor of the 9/11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon, and a proud husband, father and grandfather. He currently represents the counties of Bosque, Ellis, Falls, Hill, Hood, Johnson, McLennan, Navarro, Somervell and Tarrant [partial] in Senate District 22.*