



# The Senate of The State of Texas

## Senator José Menéndez

District 26

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### **"The Ruling Affirms the Cornerstone of Democracy - the Right to Vote"**

*Statement by Senator Menéndez on the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals Striking Down Texas' Voter Id Law*

San Antonio, Texas - State Senator José Menéndez (D-San Antonio) issued the following statement after the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals struck down Texas' intolerable voter id law.

The following quotes are attributable to Senator José Menéndez:

"Today the Court affirmed that voting is a founding principal of our Democracy and nothing shall abridge that right. We knew from the beginning that Texas' voter id law was meant to disenfranchise voters. The ruling will help the grandmother who no longer has her driver's license exercise her right to vote. It will allow the college student, who was barred from using a student id to vote, access to their polling place. For too long, the State prioritized keeping people away from a polling location with this draconian law. The Court confirmed that this egregious law was put into place to oppress Texas voters. Laws that hinder the minority vote have no place in America."

"The millions of dollars spent defending this unconstitutional law could have helped shore up Child Protective Services, replaced textbooks for Texas classrooms, or helped thousands of indigent seniors. I'm calling on General Paxton to stop chasing windmills and face the reality that this law discriminates against voters. It's all money flushed down the toilet on a "solution" looking for a fictitious problem."

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State Senator José Menéndez is Vice-Chair of the Senate Hispanic Caucus and represents Senate District 26 in San Antonio, Texas. He currently is a member of the Senate Committees on Higher Education, Criminal Justice, and Intergovernmental Relations.