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**A Statement from Senator Morgan LaMantia
In Response to the Ending of Title 42**

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AUSTIN, TX - Senator Morgan LaMantia (D-South Padre Island) issued the following statement regarding the end of Title 42 on May 11, 2023.

"Growing up along the border, I understand firsthand the challenges facing our communities. The border is not just a political talking point; it's our home. We need real solutions that address the root causes of migration, strengthen our economy, and ensure that our communities can thrive.

In closely monitoring the situation at our border and the impact of Title 42 on our communities and migrants, I acknowledge the initial intention of protecting public health during the COVID-19 pandemic. Along with its significant humanitarian consequences, Title 42 has contradicted the fundamental values of equality, fairness, and respect for human dignity that are at the core of our identity as a nation. Despite the repercussions of Title 42, it was deemed necessary due to our government's failure to provide real solutions to the issue of immigration reform, which we have been advocating for decades. As residents of the border, we were forced to accept what little aid we received, despite being taken for granted by both Texas and the United States. While we don't want to rely on Title 42, we find ourselves in dire need of assistance. The United States has a long history of welcoming and providing a safe haven for immigrants and refugees seeking a better life, and Title 42 has gone against this tradition by turning away asylum seekers and denying them the chance to plead their case.

As Title 42 comes to an end, we have a unique opportunity to reevaluate our approach to border security and immigration and find solutions that prioritize security, prosperity, and opportunity. It is critical that we ensure our border communities have the support, resources, and infrastructure in place to process asylum seekers in a timely and humane manner. I am committed to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to develop effective and compassionate policies that uphold our values and benefit all Texans, Americans, and those seeking asylum in our country. We appreciate the dedication and hard work of Customs and Border Patrol in securing our borders and ensuring our safety. We recognize that our communities are reaching a capacity and we need to do more to provide support and resources to process asylum seekers in a humane and timely manner. The end of Title 42 is a significant opportunity to work towards meaningful immigration reform that strengthens our communities and our nation."

Senator LaMantia's office is closely monitoring the situation surrounding the expiration of Title 42 and its impact on the border communities. Senator LaMantia is working with local entities, including law enforcement and community leaders, to ensure that our communities receive the support they need during this time of uncertainty. Our office recognizes that the expiration of Title 42 may lead to an increase in migration at the border and we are committed to working with local organizations to provide resources to those in need.

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