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Sen. Rodríguez statement on mass shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas

El Paso – State Sen. José Rodríguez today released the following statement on the mass shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas:

Neither prayers nor arming churchgoers as called for by the state's Attorney General makes us safer. It is time Texans insist on common sense gun regulations. The Attorney General said to a national broadcast audience that "this is going to happen again," as though we should just accept that increasingly frequent, random mass shootings in public places is part of our culture. I will not accept that, and I find it appalling that he and too many others proffer "thoughts and prayers" as a shield for the status quo instead of doing their jobs and working for solutions.

José Rodríguez represents Texas Senate District 29, which includes the counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. He represents both urban and rural constituencies, and more than 350 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. Senator Rodríguez currently serves as the Chairman of the Texas Senate Democratic Caucus, and is a member of the Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Economic Development; Transportation; Veteran Affairs and Border Security; and Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs (Vice Chair).