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Senator Rodríguez statement on adding citizenship question to U.S. Census

El Paso - Senator José Rodríguez issued the following statement regarding the decision to add a question regarding citizenship to the U.S. Census:

The U.S. Department of Commerce is required by our Constitution to obtain an accurate count of all persons, regardless of citizenship status. The President and his advisors, following anti-immigrant Attorney General Sessions, know full well that adding a citizenship question will have a chilling effect. There is no reason to do it other than to suppress an accurate count of communities of color that are part of our nation's fabric. We cannot let that happen. El Paso and Texas will lose representation and funding if all of the people in our growing community and state are not counted accurately.

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 Senate Hispanic Caucus, and a member of the Senate Committees on Education; Health and Human Services; Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; Nominations; and Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.