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A Statement from Senator Morgan LaMantia on the Passage of HB 4742

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AUSTIN, TX - Senator Morgan LaMantia (D-South Padre Island) issued the following statement regarding the passage of HB 4742 from the Texas Senate, as a historic victory for the Rio Grande Valley.

This afternoon, the Texas Senate passed House Bill 4742, bringing renewed hope to the Rio Grande Valley and its ongoing drainage complications. Senator Morgan LaMantia emphasized, “The RGV, with its flat terrain lacking natural flood protection, has long struggled to manage floodwater effectively. Our communities that depend on artificial drainage systems face challenges that are not fully accounted for in the current funding system of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). However, the passage of HB 4742 grants the TWDB the authority to identify underlying issues, paving the way for a framework that will effectively tackle the region's drainage issues.”

The Texas Senate's overwhelming support for HB 4742 signifies a turning point. With this comprehensive study, the TWDB will gain crucial insights to develop targeted solutions, bolstering the region's resilience against flooding. The dedication of Representative Janie Lopez and the leadership of Senator Morgan LaMantia have been instrumental in achieving this meaningful advancement.

As the study's results and subsequent actions are eagerly anticipated, Senator Morgan LaMantia stands united with the RGV in its determination to build a more resilient future. The passage of HB 4742 demonstrates the statewide support to address Senate District 27's unique challenges, bringing us closer to a safer and more secure future for the RGV.

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