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### **State Senator Roland Gutierrez Issues Statement in Support of Students** *Students across Texas and America are walking out of school to end gun violence.*

**Austin, Texas** – On Wednesday, State Senator Roland Gutierrez issued a statement addressing school walkouts as students raise awareness to end gun violence in schools:

“The United States of America was built on speaking out to make change and get things done. I’m proud that students embrace their God-given right to call for action.

“Children shouldn’t have to walk out of class so that adults can find the political will to do something to keep them safe. Gun violence is the leading cause of death for children in America. Our young kids are dying in schools nationwide because politicians refuse to change gun laws.

“The so-called ‘grown-ups’ need to listen to their kids right now. The officers sworn to protect them chose to cower in fear. The Republican Legislature that makes the law is doing nothing. Their U.S. Senators promote gridlock in Washington, D.C., rather than break through it. And the Governor, sworn to protect the people of this state, spends his time covering it all up.

“The majority of Texans support common-sense gun safety laws. It’s time for politicians to find the human decency and political courage to do something about gun violence.”

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*Roland Gutierrez has served as the Texas State Senator for District 19 since 2021, previously serving six terms as a member of the Texas House of Representatives and two terms as a San Antonio City Councilman.*