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Statement from Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez in response to the Department of Homeland Security's announcement to repair Hidalgo County's levee system:

EDINBURG – "Today's announcement by the Department of Homeland Security to repair Hidalgo County's protective levee barrier is welcome news. I appreciate DHS and the Biden Administration acknowledging that this flood barrier system is a critical deterrent to catastrophic flooding.

I also appreciate the hard work by members of the Texas delegation to Congress, particularly Congressmen Vicente Gonzalez and Henry Cuellar as well as Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz to rectify this issue.

My objective has always been the safety of our Hidalgo County residents. This move to repair the four major breaches and any other damage to our levee system alleviates significant concerns about safety as we approach the beginning of the hurricane season on June 1."

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Hidalgo County is home to one of the fastest growing regions in the nation. We provide health and justice to the over 800,000 residents of our county. We strive to be accessible and responsive to our citizens by providing excellent public service through the values of leadership, transparency, fairness, collaboration, respect and fiscal responsibility. Follow our social media feed at www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/followus