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**El Paso City Representative Josh Acevedo statement on FAA  
incompetence, shutdown of El Paso airspace**

**El Paso, Texas** - First and foremost, El Pasoans are in no danger and our community remains safe and secure despite the unprecedented temporary shutdown of our regional airspace. I thank our city officials, other local partners, and especially the Office of Congresswoman Veronica Escobar for helping us navigate the pandemonium inflicted on our community by offering clear and accurate information.

We should not take the narrative of this administration at face value. El Paso is and will continue to be one of the safest communities in the nation. The fact that we were given no advanced notice and had to divert critical medical, cargo, and passenger aircrafts shows the lack of respect and concern from the federal government towards the people of El Paso. This unacceptable order by the federal government put lives at risk and threatened the stability of our economy. We demand to know the full details of why this order was placed and we demand greater accountability and communication.

The El Paso International Airport services many inbound and outbound flights a day, including flights with six major airline carriers. The airport is critical to El Paso's economy, as the airport serviced 3.4 million in 2025 alone.

Leadership matters at all levels of government and it is clear that incompetence is running the Federal Aviation Administration and other federal departments. The fact remains — we can no longer stand for the ineptitude this administration offers on a daily basis that negatively impacts the residents of our border community.