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**Eric Flores Blasts Vicente Gonzalez as Top Democrat Admits  
Shutdown is for “Political Leverage”**

**San Benito, TX** - Eric Flores – a former US Attorney, Veteran and Republican candidate for TX-34 – released the following statement after Vincente Gonzalez' boss, Democratic Whip Katherine Clark, **said in an interview that Democrats were shutting down the government and forcing families to “suffer” for political “leverage.”**

Vicente Gonzalez has refused to condemn his party leaders' remarks, even as the government shutdown has now forced Border Patrol and others to miss paychecks and put border communities like those in South Texas at risk.

***“Vicente Gonzalez’ continued silence in the face of his party’s reckless government shutdown is a betrayal of South Texas families,” said Eric Flores. “While Democrats have admitted they are withholding pay from Border Patrol and the brave men and women in federal law enforcement for political leverage, Vicente continues to sit silent because he’d rather play games in Washington than deliver for the people he’s supposed to serve back home. South Texas is fed up and ready for new leadership that will put America and South Texas first.”***

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