Washington, DC - Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX-20) issued the following statement on the passing of Rio Grande Council of Governments Executive Director Jake Brisbin, Jr. Brisbin's body, along with three others including American and Mexican officials, was found in the wreckage of a small plane that disappeared Monday while on a mission surveying flooding along the Rio Grande river.

"Jake was a great friend whom I will truly miss. He was a unique individual and truthfully, he cannot be replaced. He leaves behind a legacy that teaches us all to strive to be our best, and his passing is a tremendous loss for the region and the entire state of Texas. My thoughts and prayers are with his family in this difficult time."

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