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MADISON, Wis. — Today, Gov. Tony Evers visited Fort McCoy to receive updates on Operation Allies Refuge and meet with Afghan refugees who are being housed at Fort McCoy.

Wisconsin residents who would like to help support refugees and in the global response to the crisis in Afghanistan should visit the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families “How Can I Help?” page, which is available [here](#).

**Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Ben Wikler** released the following statement:

“Families just like yours and mine, who happened to grow up in a different part of the world, are seeking to safely start a new life and contribute to our communities. At the heart of Wisconsin values is the commitment to welcoming and protecting our neighbors. And this is not the time to abandon those values.

“At the center of our best Wisconsin is the bedrock, selfless commitment to looking out for one another. But Republicans showed up to Fort McCoy today to make it about them, and turn this into a circus. Governor Evers visited to announce what the administration will be doing to help refugees and welcome them to our state. Leadership means living out your values and bringing people together — even when those who benefit from fear and division are on the attack. I am proud that Governor Evers and President Biden are doing just that, while Republicans are trying to score political points.

“Think about how you would feel if you and your family had to travel to a new country to start a new life of freedom and safety. Now think about what you can do to help Afghan families arriving now. This moment must bring out the best in all of us. Afghan refugees, you are welcome here.”