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STATEMENT ON ICE DETENTIONS AT MILWAUKEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Milwaukee, WI – Forward Latino, a national non-profit, non-partisan service and advocacy organization headquartered in Wisconsin issued the following statement following the detentions of two individuals by representatives of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement at the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

"Earlier today, Forward Latino was informed that representatives of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detained two individuals at the Milwaukee County Courthouse in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Forward Latino is speaking with county officials and members of law enforcement to determine whether those detained had their constitutional rights violated and whether ICE representatives acted within their legal authority.

While Forward Latino remains unwavering in its support for our legal and law enforcement communities, we cannot support or condone the well documented instances where representatives of ICE acted in an unlawful and immoral manner. Almost daily we are learning of new instances in which U.S. citizens and other individuals lawfully present in the United States have been unjustly detained and, in many instances, forcibly deported to countries where they have no history or connections.

As we proceed with our investigation, Forward Latino reminds all residents of the City of Milwaukee that it is safe to call 9-1-1 if they witness or are victims of a crime, see a fire, or experience a medical emergency. It is equally safe for all city residents to contact the Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, and the Milwaukee Fire Department for assistance.

Thank you."

About Forward Latino:

Forward Latino is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that empowers affiliates to inspire and engage communities, strengthen our democracy, improve the lives of working families, protect the environment, and stand up for equality and civil rights. Forward Latino cultivates, trains, and supports a diverse national network of Latina/o/x community leaders addressing the civic, economic, and political challenges of the 21st century. Forward Latino has members and affiliates across 29 states. www.forwardlatino.org

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