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**ICE DETENTIONS AT COURTHOUSES HARMS PUBLIC SAFETY  
AND UNDERMINES THE RULE OF LAW**

**Franklin, WI** – Forward Latino, a national non-profit, non-partisan service and advocacy organization headquartered in Franklin, Wisconsin and with affiliates and members in twenty-nine states condemns ICE detentions in courthouses as well as in other sensitive sites.

National President Darryl Morin issued the following statement:

"For decades, administrations led by both Republicans and Democrats have discouraged immigration officials from detaining individuals at courthouses, recognizing that such actions would erode trust in our judicial system and law enforcement agencies. Despite this long-standing precedent, ICE's provocative tactics—now joined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation—are actively undermining public safety and the rule of law.

When the accused, witnesses, and even victims begin to question whether they should voluntarily appear in court, the integrity of our justice system is at risk. This policy under the Trump administration is not only misguided—it is dangerous.

Forward Latino commends those in positions of authority for their deliberate and thoughtful approach in addressing these unprecedented challenges. A rushed policy that fails to provide meaningful solutions benefits no one.

Once again, Forward Latino calls for the reinstatement of protections for sensitive locations—including schools, hospitals, houses of worship, and courthouses—as well as comprehensive immigration reform that strengthens our nation's security, economy, faith, and humanity."

*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](http://www.forwardlatino.org)

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