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**Rep. Neubauer Calls for the Release of Ricardo Fierro
*Racine Community Member Arrested by ICE***

RACINE, WI – State Representative Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) issued the following statement in response to the arrest of long-time Racine resident, immigration reform advocate, and entrepreneur Ricardo Fierro by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE):

“In recent months, the American people have seen and heard heartbreaking stories of families torn apart by ICE. Last week, it happened right here in Racine. Ricardo Fierro, a devoted father, entrepreneur, outspoken immigration reform advocate, and member of our community for more than two decades, was arrested at his home by ICE agents.

“Ricardo was brought to America as a minor, and he has worked hard to provide a good life for his family. He graduated from J.I. Case High School, settled down, and had children. Ricardo worked for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and has volunteered with the Racine Interfaith Coalition for over a decade.

“I first met Ricardo through our shared work to advocate for the basic rights and dignity of all people in our community. Ricardo represents the best of Racine — he looks out for his neighbors and gives back more than he has been given.

“Ricardo has gone to great lengths to be a law-abiding, contributing member of the community he loves. He did not choose to come here, but he has devoted his life to our community, and he chose to stay and raise a family here. Please join me in calling for Ricardo’s release back to his family and our community.”

The Racine Interfaith Coalition will host two events in support of Ricardo Fierro and calling for his release from ICE Detention. Please join RIC and show your support for Ricardo and his family by attending the Press Conference tomorrow, July 31st, at 11:00 am in Racine’s Monument Square or the Prayer Vigil on Wednesday, August 1st at 6:00 pm, also in Monument Square.

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