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Washington, DC – Rep. Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) released the following statement on tomorrow’s one year anniversary of the U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raid at the Agriprocessors plant in Postville, Iowa:

"One year later, Postville is still seeing the humanitarian consequences of the largest immigration raid in US history. Postville has become a symbol of a broken immigration system that allows employers to take advantage of cheap labor in violation of the law. As a result, the federal government treats only the symptoms of the immigration problem, not the underlying cause. Sadly, the residents of places like Postville have been the ones paying the price.

"We must continue working to help the town move forward--and I will keep working with my staff to help the people of Postville recover. We must also hold employers accountable when they break the law. Until we enforce our immigration laws equally against both employers as well as employees, we'll continue to have a problem with immigration."

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