Congressman Tom Latham statement

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Congressman Tom Latham regrets that he cannot be in Postville today. He has sent the following statement regarding the First Anniversary of the Postville Immigration Raid.

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One year ago, citizens of this nation saw a federal raid that devastated the town of Postville, Iowa. The raid was a tragic event for the immigrants who were taken into custody, for their families, for Postville citizens and local authorities. A failed immigration system and senseless enforcement of our immigration laws contributed to this tragedy. The federal government must stop ignoring this issue and begin a real comprehensive discussion that leads to long-term solutions to make sure no community suffers a tragedy like this again.

My thoughts and prayers continue to go out to the community and the families that were torn apart as a result of the raid, and I continue to offer my full support to the Postville residents who are working so hard to rebuild their community and ease the suffering.

Sincerely,

Congressman Thomas Latham