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## **Rep. Ortiz-Velez Statement on the Arrest of Judge Hannah Dugan**

[Madison, WI] - As the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee in the State of Wisconsin, I am appalled on the assault of our Wisconsin State Constitution by the Federal Bureau of Investigation here in Milwaukee.

I am calling on the Federal Government to adhere to the US Constitution and to cease its illegal searches and seizures. I am concerned about the ability of the State of Wisconsin to deliver services required by our Wisconsin Constitution. If ICE or agents of the federal government have a judicial warrant for an individual in our courthouse that they have validated as dangerous to the public, they should have presented it for full transparency instead of creating an air of lawlessness, confusion and general distrust of the public spaces in our Milwaukee courthouses.

The federal government must follow state law and allow the state to deliver constitutional guarantees, including but not limited to, due process and to not violate our constitution with federal overreach. This is creating an equal protection issue where people don't have access to state services that are also housed in the Milwaukee County Courthouse. My concern is for all government buildings, and public buildings that provide public services are now under threat. The Federal Government cannot be allowed to stand in the way of the State to ensure due process and the proper administration of justice for all the people of Milwaukee and Wisconsin.

Judge Hannah Dugan did nothing wrong.

I stand with Judge Hannah Dugan.

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