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**Racine Interfaith Coalition & Kenosha/Racine Quakers Hold Silent Vigil Outside
Congressman Bryan Steil's Racine Office**

[Racine, WI] — Faith leaders and community members from Racine Interfaith Coalition, Kenosha/Racine Quakers, and other partners will gather for a peaceful Interfaith Silent Vigil at 9:00 AM on Monday, June 16th outside the Racine County Courthouse, located at 730 Wisconsin Ave., Racine, WI 53403.

The vigil is being held during Congressman Bryan Steil's Racine office hours to call on him to reflect on his role in shaping federal policies that directly impact immigrant families, access to social services, and the preservation of democratic values. The vigil will continue as long as there are at least two people who feel moved to be there.

The Quaker tradition of silent witness has been an effective tool for social justice throughout our history. We believe the truth that emerges from shared silence as a powerful, peaceful, unifying force that makes room for all beliefs and perspectives that are based in the divine light.

"This silent vigil is an expression of faith and conscience," said Belinda Thielen from Kenosha/Racine Quakers. "We invite people of all religious and ethical backgrounds to join us in this call for compassion, justice, and moral leadership."

Participants are encouraged to bring signs or symbols of their faith to reflect the diverse spiritual voices united in this effort. The event will be conducted in silence to honor the seriousness of the moment and the shared hope for change. For any questions, please contact Belinda Thielen at bthielen@sbcglobal.net.

When: Monday, June 16, 2025 at 9:00 AM

Where: Racine County Courthouse, 730 Wisconsin Ave., Racine, WI 53403

What: A peaceful, silent interfaith vigil held during Congressman Bryan Steil's Racine office hours. Participants will gather to reflect and raise awareness about federal policies affecting immigrant families, social services, and democratic values. Attendees are encouraged to bring signs or symbols of their faith.

Who: Cosponsored by the Racine Interfaith Coalition (RIC) and Kenosha/Racine Quakers. Open to people of all faith traditions and community members concerned about justice and equity.

Why: To call on Congressman Bryan Steil to consider the human impact of policy decisions on vulnerable communities, particularly immigrants and those reliant on essential social services. The vigil promotes moral reflection, unity, and action rooted in faith and shared democratic values.

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Racine Interfaith Coalition is a Racine nonprofit organization made up of 27 congregations or affiliates who are united in our belief in the inherent value of every individual and our shared obligation to create a fairer, more equitable, and more just community.

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