

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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## Rep. Zamarripa Statement on Racist Acid Attack

Milwaukee—Rep. JoCasta Zamarripa (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement on the racist attack against Mahud Villalaz, a US citizen, and resident of Milwaukee:

"I'm angry that Mr. Villalaz, an innocent US citizen, was so viciously attacked. I'm angry that his attacker was able to live out his racist ideology through a cowardly act of violence. I'm angry at those in power who have used dog whistles and vile rhetoric that led to this senseless attack.

"I'm grateful the perpetrator has been arrested, but the fight against hate is far from over. We must to be a nation that welcomes everyone regardless of race, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or country of origin. Our nation is a place of welcome and promise; not a place of hate and bigotry.

"All our leaders should call out the horrifying racist ideology that has become a part of our political discourse. No one should be afraid of being attacked simply for being who they are."

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