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**Rep. Neubauer Calls for Compassion and Kindness
for Incoming Afghan Refugees at Fort McCoy**

*Following unrest in Afghanistan, refugees expected to arrive at
Fort McCoy in coming weeks*

CITY OF RACINE - Following the withdrawal of US forces from Afghanistan, Afghan citizens who supported US operations have become or are in danger of becoming targets for retaliation from the Taliban. In order to ensure the safety of Afghan allies, the United States is in the progress of evacuating many at risk of being targeted. On Wednesday, U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin authorized the use of Fort McCoy for refugee reception. Rep. Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) issued the following statement in support:

“Now is the time for us to welcome and support the Afghans whose lives have been upended by the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan. It is imperative that we approach this situation with empathy and welcome our new neighbors into communities across Wisconsin.

“The refugees coming to Wisconsin are in imminent danger, facing persecution and punishment in Afghanistan for their collaboration with the United States and U.S. troops during the last two decades. Our new neighbors are leaving behind their homes, belongings, and communities in search of safety. They deserve all the respect, compassion, and patience that they shared with us in Afghanistan, and I am confident that we can continue Wisconsin’s tradition of hospitality and kindness to newcomers. Their path forward is not clear, but it is our job to walk that path with them.

“I stand firmly behind Governor Evers and our federal partners in doing everything we can to care for the refugees who will be arriving at Fort McCoy. Please join me in welcoming them in the coming weeks and months. I know that we are ready to do what it takes to make them feel welcome and at home here in Wisconsin.”

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