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House Democrats Respond to Increase in Immigration Arrests Outside Big-Box Stores and Supermarkets

SALEM, Ore. – According to data compiled by the Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition**,** Immigration arrests are increasingly occurring outside big-box stores and supermarkets, with nearly one in three immigration arrests taking place at these sites. The coalition has verified 52 immigration arrests outside Oregon big-box stores and supermarkets – such as Walmart, Lowe's and Home Depot – over the past nine months.

"Fifty-two families have an empty seat at the dinner table, and countless others are now terrified of the most ordinary parts of their lives like their grocery runs," said **Rep. Ricki Ruiz** (D - Gresham). "We cannot stay silent when these arrests are designed to terrorize our communities."

"Errands are now risks," said **Rep. Lesly Muñoz** (D - Woodburn). "These shameful arrests tell immigrant families that nowhere is safe, and families in our state deserve more than this."

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