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Afghan refugees have a welcome destination in Wisconsin

Statement of Common Council President Cavalier Johnson August 17, 2021

The recent images and reports out of Afghanistan are heart-wrenching. I want to assure those who aided U.S. efforts in Afghanistan and are seeking refuge that the people of Milwaukee, and Wisconsin, are here to welcome them.

I'm proud to hear the news that Fort McCoy, and other organizations across the state, are already preparing to take in refugees on short notice. While Milwaukee has not historically been a major resettlement location for Afghans, I know our city, county and community at large stand ready to support these families, many of which have served and supported our country.

We must also recognize that our veterans who served in Afghanistan, in many cases with these refugees, may be experiencing trauma as these events continue to unfold and are in need of our assistance as well. Offer these veterans kindness and respect in the days and weeks ahead.

The thousands that will be seeking refuge in the United States deserve our support, and I am ready to work with any local, state or federal officials to assist in any way needed.

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