Washington, DC - Today, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) division of the Department of Homeland Security raided meat processing facilities owned by Swift & Co. in six states: Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Texas and Utah.

Congressman Charlie Gonzalez said of today's ICE action, "" Aggressive enforcement of current employer immigration laws is essential. Illegal immigration would not occur but for the willingness of U. S. employers to disregard our laws and offer employment to undocumented workers. It should also be noted that regardless of whether it is a flagrant violation of the law or inadvertence on the part of the employer, the stark reality is that the need for these workers exists and benefits our nation's economy. Congress must reconcile the political rhetoric with the economic reality."