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Take Action: Bring Kilmar Home

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Hi Troy,

I've spent my life fighting alongside regular people as they seek a better life for their families and communities. I started my career by joining the movement to win status and recognition for Salvadoran refugees fleeing from a brutal dictatorship in the 1980s.

What we saw this week has brought me full circle. I am shivering with a sense of déjà vu. For anyone who has lived under authoritarian regimes that deny fundamental rights, this moment must be agony.

On March 15, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents abducted Kilmar Armando Abrego Garcia, a Maryland sheet metal worker, union member, and father of three, married to a U.S. citizen. They transported him to a brutal prison in El Salvador, [notorious for inhumane conditions and](#)

[torture](#). Kilmar has never been convicted of any crime in *any* country, and the Trump administration admitted in numerous court filings that they had mistakenly targeted Kilmar.

On April 10th, the Supreme Court unanimously ordered the White House to facilitate Kilmar's return home.

Far from complying with the Supreme Court order, the administration is defying the federal court's orders, where Kilmar's request for relief is being heard. Disturbingly, the administration has claimed that it is incapable of bringing Kilmar back because he is under the custody of a foreign government. This is nonsense since the [Trump regime has a deal with the Salvadoran dictator Nayib Bukele](#) to incarcerate prisoners from the U.S., the vast majority of whom [have no criminal record](#). But suppose the regime gets away with its actions in Kilmar's case. In that case, it will have a straightforward playbook for disappearing political opponents or anyone else it doesn't like, which it has already demonstrated a desire to do through the [targeted abduction of supporters of the Palestinian people](#).

Will you take action now to bring Kilmar home? Write to your member of Congress and demand that they call on the administration to bring him home to his family.

Kilmar is a union member, and our allies in the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART) and [North America's Building Trades Unions \(NABTU\)](#) are leading the call for his return.

Pressure works. Telling these stories, asking neighbors and coworkers to stand up, and demanding change is what recently got Immigration and Customs Enforcement to [release a third grader](#) and their family recently in rural New York.

Kilmar is one man. He has a wife and family and joined the union apprenticeship program to support them. But he is our brother, as are [other union members abducted](#), and we must stand up for him. Join me in demanding that the government respect his fundamental rights and bring him home safely to his family.

Use the SMART sample letter here or write your own urging your representative to call on the White House to return Kilmar to his family.

In solidarity,



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