

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable James Comer  
Chairman  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Comer,

We respectfully request authorization for a Congressional Member Delegation (CODEL) to visit the *Centro de Confinamiento del Terrorismo* (CECOT), the maximum-security prison in Tecoluca, El Salvador. Kilmar Armando Abrego Garcia, a Salvadoran national legally living and working in Maryland, was subject to a 2019 withholding order from an immigration judge prohibiting his removal to El Salvador.

Despite this order, Mr. Abrego Garcia was deported on March 15, 2025, in what U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials acknowledged in a court filing was due to an “administrative error.”

In a unanimous decision in *Noem v. Abrego Garcia*, the United States Supreme Court ordered the government to “facilitate” Mr. Abrego Garcia’s release from custody in El Salvador and to ensure that his case is handled as it would have been, had he not been wrongfully deported.

A Congressional delegation would allow Committee Members to conduct a welfare check on Mr. Abrego Garcia, as well as others held at CECOT, such as Andry José Hernandez—a 30-year-old LGBTQ makeup artist who passed a “credible fear” interview during his legal asylum process before being deported.

In addition, congressional oversight is warranted following President Trump’s recent remarks in which he expressed a desire to send “homegrown criminals”—including U.S. citizens—to this facility.

As you are aware, the Committee on Oversight and Accountability is the principal investigative committee of the House of Representatives and has broad authority to examine “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X.

We are prepared to travel as soon as possible. We would gladly include any Republican Members of the Committee who wish to participate. Given that the Senate has already authorized CODEL travel to CECOT, we believe the House should also be represented. Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Robert Garcia  
Member of Congress



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Member of Congress