## Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-0303

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The Honorable Marco Rubio Secretary of State U.S. Department of State 2201 C Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Rubio,

We have traveled to El Salvador to seek information on the illegal detention of Kilmar Abrego Garcia, including the status of the Trump Administration's efforts to facilitate his return, as well as to check on his well-being. The circumstances surrounding Mr. Abrego Garcia's detention are deeply troubling, specifically the administration's continued disregard of the unanimous Supreme Court decision in *Noem v. Abrego Garcia*. We understand that Mr. Abrego Garcia, a United States resident, was unlawfully deported to El Salvador, a country where he faces significant risks. This egregious error, as the Trump Administration has admitted in court filings, is a gross violation of his due process rights.

We demand your immediate action to ensure Mr. Abrego Garcia's safety and well-being, and to rectify his unconstitutional detention.

Therefore, we vigorously insist on the following non-negotiable steps:

- 1. **Proof of Life:** We expect regular, verifiable proof of life for Mr. Abrego Garcia. The United States government must ensure that Mr. Abrego Garcia's fundamental human rights are being respected while illegally detained in El Salvador and that he is not being subjected to further harm or mistreatment. This proof must be substantive and include visual confirmation of his well-being.
- 2. Access to Counsel: Mr. Abrego Garcia must be granted immediate access to his legal counsel. As a U.S. resident and pursuant to international law, he has the right to representation, and the United States government must ensure that he can communicate with an attorney to protect legal rights.
- 3. **Facilitation of Return:** We demand that you direct the U.S. Embassy in El Salvador to take all necessary steps to facilitate Mr. Abrego Garcia's swift and safe return to the United States in compliance with the Supreme Court's orders. The State Department's diplomatic channels must be used to their fullest extent to comply with these court orders and bring Mr. Abrego Garcia home to his wife and children.

We expect your immediate attention to this urgent matter and a detailed plan of action outlining how you will meet these steps.

Sincerely,

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