

Stop the Abductions—Justice for Kilmar

Action Guide

Last month, Kilmar Abrego Garcia was abducted from his home and illegally deported to a notorious megaprison in El Salvador. Despite the Supreme Court's ordering in a unanimous 9-0 ruling that the Trump administration must facilitate his return to the United States, the administration is refusing to act.

Trump is destroying lives, disappearing people, defying the courts. In America, the government should not be able to grab people off the streets, skip the courtroom, and send them straight to a foreign prison.

And Kilmar is not the only one facing these injustices—hundreds of others have already been abducted to CECOT, and the administration is revoking student visas and disappearing student activists, while Trump declares "homegrown" will be next." This totalitarian regime has shown us exactly what it intends to do. **We need to stand up to fight for Kilmar—and for all of us.**


👉 QUICK FIND - MOST IMPORTANT RESOURCES:

 [Create your event here!](#)

 [Talking Points](#)

 [Printable signs](#)

 [RSVP to our Action Prep Call](#)

 Upload photos from your event at [MoveOn.org/Photos](#)

 [Safety Concerns](#) & [De-escalation Resources](#)

1. Plan your event

Choose a date and time for your action. We request that you choose a date between Thursday, April 24 and Saturday, April 26. When selecting a location, think about what works best for you and your community. Here are a couple of options:

- **Outside your representative's office**
 - A speakout at your representative's office is a great way to get their attention and potentially attract some press! Prepare a speaker or two to uplift why you are there, and create a plan for how to interact with your rep or their staffer if they come out.
 - We recommend holding the event when the office is open, usually between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- **A highly visible public location**
 - Host a [honk and wave](#) to increase awareness of Kilmar's case and build urgency to bring him home. These events can be more unstructured and don't require an official program. You'll still want to greet people as they arrive, and encourage everyone to wave their signs and make some noise!
 - Consider places in your community with a lot of foot and/or car traffic. Is there a local park, an intersection, or a community gathering place that is public property? Make sure your group will be able to gather safely and legally, in compliance with local ordinances.

2. Post your event

Register your event at [MoveOn.org/JusticeforKilmar](#), and we will recruit fellow MoveOn members to join you there!

3. Recruit a team

Consider recruiting a few friends, family members, or neighbors to join you for your event. They can help you coordinate logistics like greeting people, interacting with reps or fielding questions, and ensuring the event runs smoothly.

4. Make a plan

Divide up roles. Assign tasks to folks you've recruited or RSVPs on your event page. In particular, designate someone who will record video, and another person to take photos and upload them at MoveOn.org/Photos.

Gather materials. Make home made signs, print your agenda and other materials you may need, and bring with you to the event.

5. Hold your event!

Arrive a little early to your event to set up, spread out signs, and make sure folks can see where to find you. **Here is an example of how to structure your event:**

Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Introduce yourself to your representative and say a few words about why you are there.● Use these talking points (coming soon!) to uplift Kilmar's abduction and the Trump administration's complete abandonment of due process.
Speakers (Optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Invite impacted community members to share their stories with the crowd.
Chanting & Sign Waving	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Show off your signs and make some noise! Lead some chants and engage your group in a call and response.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Reiterate the purpose of the event, what you are calling on your representative and community to do, and how to bring justice for Kilmar and reinstate due process.● Thank everyone for joining and share next steps or upcoming events.

6. Report back

What happens at the lobby visit may be newsworthy, so please report back after the event by posting on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and other social media. Upload any photos and/or videos you took at MoveOn.org/Photos. Also, check your email for a survey after your event to provide feedback.

Looking for more ideas or want to talk shop?

[Visit our MoveOn Community!](#) This is a group for anyone planning upcoming actions. Use this space to discuss your ideas, share best practices, and ask for advice from others who are planning actions too.

If you have concerns about safety or security, email eventsafety@moveon.org. Our staff is here to help with years of experience supporting events. If you hear of counter-protesters, have questions about if/how to engage law enforcement, or any questions on security, please reach out for support.

If you still have questions after reading this guide, email help@MoveOn.org for support.