

Democrats Use Taxpayer Dollars to Visit Deported MS-13 Gang Member in Political Grandstanding

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In the grand circus of American politics, some performances are so absurd they'd make a carnival barker blush. The latest spectacle features Democratic lawmakers as the main attraction—not advocating for American citizens, but performing elaborate acrobatics to defend those who have broken our laws and threatened our communities. While the Trump administration works to fulfill its promise of securing our borders and removing dangerous criminal elements from our society, certain Democrats seem determined to undermine these efforts at every turn.

Maryland's Democratic Senator Chris Van Hollen recently made headlines for his passionate defense of Kilmar Abrego Garcia, a man deported during the early days of the Trump administration's renewed immigration enforcement efforts. The senator has spoken at length about Garcia's case, portraying him as a victim of an overzealous immigration system rather than the criminal that law enforcement officials have identified him as.

What many Americans may not realize is the extraordinary lengths to which Van Hollen has gone in his advocacy. He has not merely issued statements or held press conferences on American soil. He has traveled thousands of miles to make his point.

In a revelation that should infuriate every taxpaying American, Senator Van Hollen admitted that his trip to El Salvador to meet with the deported Abrego Garcia was funded by American taxpayers. That's right—your hard-earned money didn't go toward fixing roads, supporting veterans, or helping American families. Instead, it bankrolled an international journey so a senator could advocate for someone identified by multiple law enforcement agencies as an MS-13 gang member.

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt didn't mince words when addressing this misuse of taxpayer funds on "Fox & Friends":

From 'Fox News':

"He is an illegal alien, a foreign terrorist and a criminal MS-13 gang member who violated our country's laws by coming here in the first place," Leavitt told Fox News host Brian Kilmeade. "Shame on Sen. Chris Van Hollen and the entire Democratic Party, who wasted Easter Sunday going on every television show in the country to advocate for the return of an illegal criminal gang member."

This taxpayer-funded mission of mercy stands in stark contrast to the senator's apparent indifference toward the victims of illegal immigrant crime. Patty Morin, the mother of Rachel Morin who was brutally murdered by an illegal El Salvadoran migrant in 2023, spoke at a White House briefing where she accused Van Hollen of "barely" acknowledging her daughter's death. According to Leavitt, the senator hasn't reached out to Morin at all, despite spending hours "fawning" over Abrego Garcia.

The evidence against Abrego Garcia is substantial. Leavitt noted there was a "litany" of evidence proving Garcia's ties to MS-13 that had been confirmed by "two different courts" and by "multiple" law enforcement officers. Yet Van Hollen continues to defend his actions, comparing his trip to other congressional delegations that have traveled abroad.

This case represents more than just one senator's questionable judgment. It symbolizes a troubling pattern among many Democrats who seem more

concerned with protecting those who enter our country illegally than with serving the American citizens who elected them. It's a slap in the face not only to victims like Rachel Morin and her family but also to the millions of immigrants who respected our laws and followed the proper procedures to come to America.

I find it astonishing that we're even having this conversation. Can you imagine working overtime to pay your taxes, only to discover those dollars are funding first-class tickets for senators to visit deported gang members? It's beyond parody—it's an insult to every law-abiding American.

The American people understand what's at stake here. Polls consistently show that the majority of Americans support the deportation of illegal immigrants who commit crimes. President Trump was elected with a clear mandate to enforce our immigration laws and protect American communities from illegal immigrant crime. His administration is fulfilling that promise despite unprecedented resistance from Democrats who apparently believe your tax dollars are best spent on international trips to meet with deported gang members.

One must wonder: If Democrats are willing to spend your money flying to El Salvador to advocate for someone with confirmed gang ties, what other priorities have they abandoned? How many American families grieving loved ones lost to preventable crimes are being ignored while politicians grandstand for foreign criminals? And seriously—when did the Democratic Party decide that American citizenship and American laws mean so little?

The choice couldn't be clearer. On one side stands an administration committed to enforcing our laws and protecting our citizens. On the other, elected officials who use your hard-earned money to undermine those very efforts. Perhaps it's time for voters to remind certain lawmakers that their first duty is to the American people, not to those who break our laws and threaten our safety.