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Justice in Motion demands due process for migrants

Statement of Executive Director Cathleen Caron

NEW YORK — Recently, [the Trump administration invoked the Alien Enemies Act to deport asylum seekers](#). This move accelerates deportations by side-stepping due process requirements, allowing for immediate deportation. In response, Justice in Motion Executive Director Cathleen Caron issued the following statement:

“Justice in Motion condemns the Trump administration's invocation of the Alien Enemies Act to disrupt protection processes and deport asylum seekers. Having collaborated with regional allies for years, we understand the dire consequences of removing these individuals to El Salvador, [where they have been imprisoned at the Terrorism Confinement Center \(CECOT\), a notorious mega-prison where visitation, education and recreation are prohibited](#) and [windowless cells housing up to 70 people](#) do not have enough bunks to accommodate everyone. El Salvador's justice minister says that [people incarcerated at CECOT will never return to their communities](#).

“Using the Alien Enemies Act to disrupt the immigration and asylum process and send individuals to a notoriously harsh prison is a blatant violation of human rights and a stark reflection of a loss of human decency. This egregious action not only dehumanizes vulnerable individuals seeking safety but also undermines the core values of compassion and justice.

“We stand in solidarity with these vulnerable individuals and call for an immediate halt to these inhumane deportations. It is imperative that the U.S. government uphold the law and protect those seeking refuge from violence and persecution. We demand that the U.S. stop using this law to circumvent due process.”

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Justice in Motion protects migrant rights by ensuring justice across borders. Our unique network of on-the-ground human rights defenders in Mexico and Central America partner with U.S. advocates to make sure that wherever migrants go, their rights will follow.