



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Gustavo Rivera

State Senator Gustavo Rivera on the Kidnapping of Bronx Resident Merwil Gutierrez by ICE, Imprisonment in El Salvador

GUSTAVO RIVERA May 1, 2025

| ISSUE: **IMMIGRATION, DEPORTATION, MERWIL GUTIERREZ, EL SALVADOR**

In response to the **news** of the unlawful detention and deportation of Bronx resident Merwil Gutierrez, State Senator Gustavo Rivera released the following statement:

“The Gutierrez family entered the United States legally as asylum seekers from Venezuela, only to be subjected to the same type of authoritarian cruelty they fled from. Merwil Gutierrez has been disappeared by the American government to a prison in El Salvador, thousands of miles from anywhere close to home for him.

“The blatant racial profiling, the disrespect for due process, and the daylight kidnapping of Merwil by ICE is appalling and intolerable, and should be a cause for alarm for all Americans.

“The administration must right their wrong. Merwil must be released and reunited with his father and family as soon as possible, whether in the Bronx or in Venezuela.”