

**From:** Rep. Jim McGovern  
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**To:** Buhl, Cindy  
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Rep. Jim McGovern, Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, and Rep. Norma Torres, member of the Commission, thought the information below might be of interest to you.

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Dear Colleague,

In April, the Central America Caucus and the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission worked together on a [briefing about disappearances that took place during the civil war in El Salvador](#). There is a group of Salvadoran Americans that is trying to find out what happened to their parents who disappeared, and to physically locate their bones so that they can bury them.

As follow-up to that briefing, we ask you to join us on a pair of letters to help remedy this tragic situation.

- One letter is directed to President Obama, requesting that he declassify U.S. records that relate to disappearances and other human rights violations that took place during the civil war. (The United States has these records because the USG supported the government of El Salvador during the civil war).
- The other letter is directed to the President of El Salvador asking for a national commission to investigate and help resolve the cases of Salvadorans who disappeared during the period of the Salvadoran civil war.

These are the two key actions that the children of the disappeared in El Salvador are asking for in order to find their parents' bones.

We would very much welcome you joining us on these letters. Please contact Clay Boggs with Rep. Torres or Cindy Buhl with Rep. McGovern know if you would like to sign on to the letters, or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern  
Member of Congress  
TLHRC Co-Chair

Norma J. Torres  
Member of Congress  
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