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The Honorable Robert Garcia
Member of Congress
109 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Maxwell Frost
Member of Congress
1224 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Garcia and Frost:

I write in response to your letter of April 15, 2025 requesting that I approve, from the Committee's budget, official travel for you both to visit the country of El Salvador to meet with a foreign MS-13 gang member whose wife accused him of crimes and who is strongly suspected of human trafficking. It is absurd that you both displayed active hostility for over two years toward the Committee's oversight of the Biden Border Crisis and the consequences of millions of illegal aliens entering the country, yet now, you are seeking travel at Committee expense to meet with foreign gang members. You may be pleased to know that a Democrat Senator, Chris Van Hollen, was photographed just yesterday in El Salvador enjoying margaritas garnished with cherry slices with the foreign gang member your letter references. If you also wish to meet with him, you can spend your own money. But I will not approve a single dime of taxpayer funds for use on the excursion you have requested.

Your request is denied.

Sincerely,



James Comer
Chairman

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