

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DEMANDING IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF SALAH SARSOOR FROM ICE DETENTION

WHEREAS Secretary of State Marco Rubio has stated that under this administration immigrants who are permanent U.S. residents can be seized and processed for removal from the U.S. based on their expressions if those are deemed to be a threat to US foreign policy; and

WHEREAS Salah Sarsour has lived most of his 53 years in the U.S. and Wisconsin, never having had any infraction or citation with law enforcement in his over 30 years in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Salah Sarsour has served as president of the largest Muslim community in Wisconsin, the Islamic Society of Milwaukee, for the last five years, has raised a family including five children who are all college graduates, and is a highly respected business owner; and

WHEREAS Salah Sarsour, a Palestinian who grew up as a child in the occupied West Bank, has advocated for Palestine and the rights of Palestinians, was seized by a dozen ICE and federal agents at gunpoint on March 30, 2026, and shipped to southern Indiana, pending removal proceedings; and

WHEREAS among the varied grounds cited by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for its actions against Mr. Sarsour, are charges brought against him as a 15 year old by the Israeli Defense Force, which experts cited by the New York Times indicated are extremely unusual to be pursued against a US permanent resident with no record of alleged infractions in over 30 years in the US.; and

WHEREAS months before Mr. Sarsour's seizure, Marco Rubio found him to be a threat to U.S. foreign policy; and D.H.S. spokespersons have failed to supply any details to support their descriptions of him as a terrorist; and

WHEREAS his abduction has been denounced by U.S. Reps. Gwen Moore and Mark Pocan, many religious leaders, and the mayor of Milwaukee who called it an "outrage";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Lawyers Guild calls for his immediate release along with everyone in ICE detention, and for the administration to cease its policy and practice of identifying for removal from the U.S. lawful permanent residents and anyone based on claims that their first amendment protected expressions constitute threats to U.S. foreign policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NLG by its chapters in Milwaukee and Madison Wisconsin shall communicate this position and resolution to Mr. Sarsour's defense team, to the Department of Homeland Security, and to the conduct public education on this case and the principles involved.

IMPACT AND IMPLEMENTATION:

Submitted on behalf of Milwaukee and Madison WI NLG chapters, which agree to accept the obligations stated in the resolution. Contact Art Heitzer, artheitzer@gmail.com