

COOPER RIVER INDIVISIBLE



{{FirstName or 'Friend'}},

Below is the same email you received less than 20 minutes ago. It is greatly against media policy to spam large groups of individuals back to back. However, a mistake was made and brought to our attention. The person who wrote the newsletter can did not spell Venezuela correctly. Especially when it mattered most. THE HEADER. I deeply apologize and want everyone to know I *did* do well in the body. We are humans behind this screen who make mistakes more often than you all can catch. Email is not so "right click" and "edit" easy as social or text messages. Why write this? Because Venezuela does deserve to be spelled correctly. As does any name. Thanks to the email that brought this to our attention! Goodnight.

-Amber

We oppose the Maduro regime and its abuses, and we also oppose U.S. intervention that [ignores legal process](#) and international accountability. Standing against authoritarianism means standing for the rule of law everywhere. Now we also need to be real and honest. The reaction has turned into the typical left versus right arguments. The Left sees illegal intervention and malicious intentions. The Right sees a flex of power and access to resources. But what keeps getting ignored is how Venezuelans actually feel. Their voices can no longer be silenced.

Under Maduro, [the economy collapsed](#), [people lost access to food](#), medicine, and power, millions fled to survive, and anyone who spoke up risked jail, violence, or silence. That reality deserves to be centered, not used as a political prop. If the person who caused your suffering would be removed, how would you feel? We know how we would feel. A sigh of relief, a wave of emotions, and trying to grasp if it's real. That's what Venezuelans may be feeling right now. All on the world stage.

Now uncertainty is setting in. From Trump stating the [US would run the country](#), to the [VP of Maduro's dictatorship taking over](#). It doesn't *seem* as though the goal is to help stabilize the country through democratic initiatives. Why? Because even America is not acting with democracy at the forefront. We are in no position to spread "democracy" when we are no longer a true democracy.

However, we can support Venezuelans by supporting their sovereignty. Standing by their election of [Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia](#) back in July 2024. Not letting foreign powers step in to [exploit their resources](#). That means showing up for them whether they're still [hopeful, cautiously optimistic, or even skeptical](#). Allowing them to celebrate the small victories and understanding the trauma they've lived through. Most of us haven't experienced life under someone like Maduro's rule; the closest in U.S. history is how Black and Brown Americans lived under slavery and segregation. With the last 60 years giving a taste of real "freedom." Just like such, this is a long, generational fight. If we let our own sense of being "right" dominate, we risk dividing rather than supporting. True solidarity is patience, listening, and being there through the hard, messy reality.

America says it wants to liberate Venezuelans while still snatching them and other immigrants off the streets. Ripping those "doing it the right way" from courtrooms. Immigrants from Venezuelans to [Somalians](#) are being subjected to the illegal actions of ICE on their daily. Those who deserve to be treated with the protection our constitution promises. A promise we preach to other countries. Our [Immigration committee](#) has been working hard during this lame duck session to pass three "Immigrant Protection Bills" (formerly Immigrant Trust Act). We need volunteers to with us to the come to the Trenton State House and be present in the committee hearings and hallways to show your support for these 3 bills.

- Cooper River

[Visit our website for more](#)

Don't Miss Out This Week!



01/06 Phone Zap and Dinner at Jersey Kebab

Our purpose is to enjoy a great dinner while making phone calls to our NJ legislators, urging them to pass three "Immigrant Protection Bills" (formerly Immigrant Trust Act).

[Dinner & Democracy](#)



01/07 Cross Keys Crusade for Democracy

Peaceful, non-confrontational rally intended to raise public awareness of the destructive nature of the Trump administration!

[Crusade at Cross Keys](#)



01/07 CRI Book Club

The CRI Book Club meets every two weeks at the Voorhees branch of the Camden County Library at 7:00pm. Newcomers are always welcome, even mid-book!

[Reading Is Resistance](#)



01/08 Solidarity Action for NJ's Immigrant Protection Bills

The NJ Immigrant Trust Act has been repackaged as 3 separate bills and is being introduced in the State House in Trenton. We have one week to get the "Immigrant Protection Bills" passed.

[Protect Immigrant Families](#)



01/08 Stitches for Solidarity

Stitches for Solidarity is a group of CRI sewers/quilters/knitters who are interested in putting their needles to work for spreading caring and kindness in these troubled times.

[Knot today, chaos](#)



01/09 Unity in Action: Politics and Coffee Talk

Join for conversation, community, and fresh ideas. Coffee and Politics Talk is the perfect space to connect with like-minded people, exchange experiences, and enjoy the finest coffee in town.

[Strong Coffee, Stronger Rights](#)



01/09 Spanish Conversation Club

Whether you're a beginner, intermediate, or fluent speaker, this club is all about building confidence, improving fluency, and connecting with others who share a love for the language.

[Words Build Bridges](#)



01/09 Ark Road Resistance

We are the Ark Road Resistance Group! Come join us to protest any horrific action the current regime is inflicting on the American people.

[This Road Resists](#)



01/10 PineHillAdelphia

We cannot allow this regime to get to the point of forcing us underground. Any Saturday you're free, come on out and be seen! Give other's the courage to stand up and fight!

[Join Us Saturday!](#)



01/11 Roadside Rally Against Fascism

Another weekly protest, now on Sundays: CRI members gather in Bellmawr to make the public case against MAGA fascism. Their crowd keeps growing and newcomers are always welcome.

[Roadside Rally](#)



01/11 Mi Casa Solidarity Sunday

It's time to hit the streets again! CRI is joining forces with Mi Casa Woodbury to say ICE IS NOT WELCOME IN NEW JERSEY! With abductions ramping up throughout the state, and recent ones in Camden, Lindenwold, Woodbury, Edgewater Park, Bellmawr, etc we need to send a clear message to our valued and vulnerable immigrant communities that we will fight for them!

[Support Immigrants and Protest ICE](#)

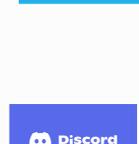
KICK IN SOME FUNDS



We are all volunteers and we run CRI on a shoestring budget, but we could use a couple bucks to make copies, buy snacks, and pay for meeting space.

If you can make a recurring contribution or a one-time contribution, it helps make what we do possible.

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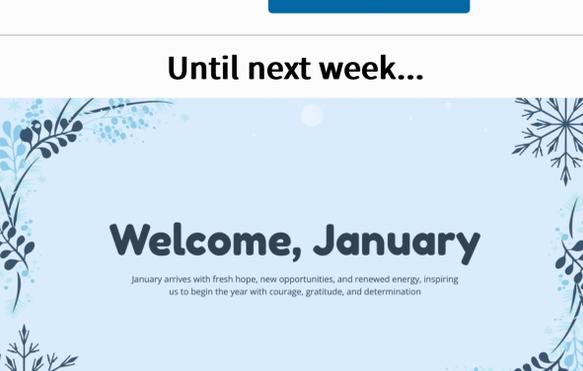


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Until next week...



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