

FAMM
Families for Justice Reform Now Rally and Lobby Day

Schedule: July 9 – 11, 2018

Monday, July 9, 2018

*Please call (202) 999-4261 if you will arrive before 3 pm.
We will make arrangements with the hotel so you are able to check in.

3:00 PM: Check in at hotel

Hotel Address: Homewood Suites, 465 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001

Hotel Phone: (202) 265-8000

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 – Rally Day

What to bring: Pack light! Bring any signs you have made, a plastic bottle of water, and a photo of your incarcerated loved one. Do not bring any weapons, dangerous items, or large bags or suitcases. You can also make signs at the rally, and we will have a limited number of free T-shirts, signs, and bottles of water for people at the rally.

What to wear: Casual clothing, good walking shoes, and sunscreen. You may want to bring a small poncho in case of rain. It is very hot and humid in July in Washington, DC.

Getting to the Rally: We recommend taking a taxi, Uber, or Lyft or using the Metro system to get to the Rally.

By Metro: The closest Metro stations to the Families for Justice Reform Now Rally are Capitol South (on the orange, blue, or silver lines) or Union Station (on the red line). Another nearby stop is Federal Center SW (on the orange, blue, or silver lines). The U.S. Capitol is a short walk from all three of these Metro stations. Riders can find a [full map of the Washington Metro system here](#). Every Metro rider (ages 5 and up) needs his or her own SmarTrip card to ride the Metro. Avoid lines and unnecessary waiting by buying your fare in advance. Prepaid SmarTrip cards can be purchased in advance either at a Metro stop or at various retail locations throughout DC, MD, and VA, which you can find on [this map](#). The Metro system will be open from 5 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on July 10.

By taxi, Uber, or Lyft: There are many reasonably priced taxi services in the Washington, DC area. Many drivers are also available using the Uber or Lyft rideshare apps on your smart phone. To get closest to the Families for Justice Reform Now Rally site, direct your driver to take you to the U.S. Capitol Visitors Center.

By car: Plan extra travel time to drive to DC, and expect traffic, even in the middle of the day. Parking near the U.S. Capitol is limited, and most available parking will be on the street.

Schedule

- 1:30 PM** Arrive at the U.S. Capitol (the Rally is on a grassy area in front of Capitol Visitors Center, across the street from the Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress, near the corner of 1st Street SE and Independence Avenue SE)
- 2:00 – 3:30 PM** **FAMILIES FOR JUSTICE REFORM NOW! RALLY**
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM** Shuttle will run several times to transport guests from the U.S. Capitol to the hotel
Shuttle Pick Up Address: 1 First Street Northeast, Washington, DC, USA (U.S. Supreme Court)
- 6:00 – 8:00 PM** Dinner at Busboys & Poets
1025 5th Street, NW

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 – Lobby Day

*Hotel check out is at 12:00 PM. Please leave your bags at the hotel's front desk or pack them in your car before leaving for lobby day.

What to bring: Pack light! Bring a small photo (no bigger than 8"x10") of your incarcerated loved one. Do not bring any weapons or dangerous items, food or drink, or large bags or suitcases.

What to wear: Modest, business casual clothing and good walking shoes.

Schedule

- 8:00 AM** Shuttle will transport guests from the hotel to the U.S. Capitol Visitors Center for lobby day
- 8:30 – 10:00 AM** **Lobby Day Training.** You will enter through security at the U.S. Capitol Visitors Center (no food or beverage allowed, and you must go through a metal detector), check in at the Senate Appointments Desk, and go to Room SVC 212 to complete a lobby day training session. We will put you in teams with people from your state for your meetings with lawmakers and tell you where to go for those meetings.
- 10:00 – 12:00 PM** Meetings with U.S. senators
- 12:00-1:00 PM** Lunch with your lobbying group (there is a good and affordable cafeteria in the basement of the Dirksen Senate Office Building)
- 12:30 PM** Midday shuttle from U.S. Capitol to hotel for guests that need to leave
Shuttle Pick Up Address: 1 First Street NE, Washington, DC, USA (U.S. Supreme Court)
- 1:00 –3:00 PM** Meetings with U.S. senators

3:00 PM

Final shuttle from U.S. Capitol to the hotel
Shuttle Pick Up Address: 1 First Street NE, Washington, DC, USA (U.S. Supreme Court)

Important Phone Numbers:

FAMM Office: (202) 999-4261
Homewood Suites, Washington DC, Convention Center: (202) 628-4663
Busboys & Poets, 5th & K Streets NW: (202) 789-2227