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The Honorable Marco Rubio
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

On May 29, 2025, the Department of State submitted the required spend plan for Diplomatic Engagement (CN25-033). While I appreciate the submission of this plan, I am concerned that, nearly two weeks later, the Department has yet to submit the corresponding spend plan for foreign assistance, as required under P.L. 119-4.

Additionally, I am troubled by the reference in the May 29 spend plan to the Department's ongoing reorganization (page 6). In particular, the plan notes:

"In addition, pursuant to E.O. 14210 Implementing the President's 'Department of Government Efficiency' Workforce Optimization Initiative, the agency reorganization plan was released on April 22 and, subject to additional review, may involve other separation expenses, including Reduction in Force (RIF) costs."

This language raises serious questions about the Department's intention to proceed with reorganization and RIF actions. As you know, the recent court case *AFGE, AFL-CIO v. Trump* resulted in a preliminary injunction prohibiting implementation of agency RIFs and reorganization plans. Staff have requested clarification on how the Department's stated intentions are consistent with that injunction, but thus far, responses have been insufficient.

Given the significance of these matters, I respectfully request a written legal justification explaining why the Department believes the preliminary injunction does not apply to its reorganization and RIF implementation efforts.

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Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



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