

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 27, 2025

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Rubio,

As Members of the House National Security, Department of State and Related Programs Appropriations Subcommittee, we write to request detailed information regarding the status of funding impacted by the recently announced foreign assistance review and subsequent program terminations.

The implementation of Executive Order 14169, Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid, is already having severe consequences for America's global leadership, security, and economic interests. According to a declaration filed by Acting USAID Deputy Administrator Pete Marocco with the U.S. District Court on February 26, 2025, 5,800 USAID contracts and grants and 4,100 State Department contracts and grants have been terminated and the 90-day review completed. These abrupt terminations jeopardize the ability to restart critical programs, disrupt congressional priorities, and hinder the execution of legally mandated initiatives—all without any prior consultation with Congress or transparency regarding the implications of these decisions.

These decisions do not constitute meaningful foreign aid reform, nor do they advance U.S. national interests. While every administration has the authority to review foreign assistance programs to ensure alignment with its policy objectives, such reviews must comply with the law and respect Congress's constitutional oversight responsibilities.

We request a detailed response to the following inquiries:

1. Please provide a comprehensive list of programs (including contracts, grants, and other funding instruments) that have been terminated including a program description and reason for termination.
2. Please provide a list of awards to be continued, including a program description;
3. Please provide the criteria used to determine whether a program will be terminated or retained. Include a detailed description of the review

process and the names and titles of individuals involved in decision-making.


4. Please provide a summary of all pending payments, along with a detailed description of the review process and timeline, including for terminated awards. Also, include the names and titles of those overseeing these decisions.
4. Please clarify the role of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) in decisions affecting State Department and USAID personnel and foreign assistance programs.
5. Please confirm your commitment to resuming routine briefings for Congress and responding to congressional inquiries regarding State Department and USAID matters.

We appreciate your prompt attention to these urgent concerns and look forward to your response.

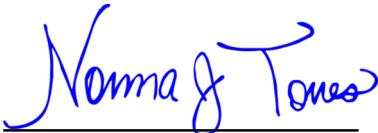
Sincerely,



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