

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

July 1, 2025

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Rubio:

We write to express alarm regarding reports that unused supplies and commodities from cancelled foreign assistance programs will go to waste.

President Trump's foreign aid freeze has devastated foreign assistance programs around the world. At least 83% of all foreign assistance contracts run by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) have been terminated, and the remaining programs have struggled to receive the funding they are owed for work completed before the funding freeze.¹ Very few of the remaining foreign assistance organizations have received new contracts to continue their work and many continue to receive contract terminations. Additionally, your administration has shuttered USAID, fired thousands of USAID employees and continued to cancel essential USAID programs – all of which has had a devastating impact around the world, undermined our national security and hurt American jobs. Now, the President's so-called "skinny budget" for Fiscal Year 2026 would gut the State Department and international program budget by \$49.1 billion, a nearly 84% decrease from Fiscal Year 2025.²

Amid all the chaos caused by cancelling foreign assistance funding and programs, the question remains of what will happen to the supplies and commodities that were purchased for foreign aid programs prior to this administration's termination. At the beginning of the foreign assistance funding freeze in early February, there were reports of nearly \$500 million worth of food aid rotting at our ports³ and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of medical supplies stuck in warehouses.⁴

Now, months into the foreign assistance funding freeze and the termination of most foreign assistance programs, we are alarmed about the status of the supplies purchased for those now-terminated programs. Medicine, food, educational supplies, and other foreign assistance commodities were purchased using taxpayer funds. Without the contracts to implement these programs, these supplies are at risk of expiring or being destroyed, which is a complete waste of taxpayer funds.

¹ <https://www.cnn.com/2025/03/10/politics/rubio-usaid-contracts-state-department/index.html>

² <https://www.npr.org/2025/05/02/nx-s1-5384318/trump-budget-cuts>

³ <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/usaids-trump-funding-pause-500-million-food-spoilage-risk/>

⁴ <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/politics-news/trump-usaid-upheaval-paralyzing-global-delivery-food-medicine-rcna190565>

With this in mind, we request answers to the following questions:

1. What is the process to review the status of supplies and commodities purchased for now-terminated foreign assistance programs? How has this process changed from the previous administration?
2. What is your plan to ensure the supplies and commodities purchased for now-terminated foreign assistance programs are not diverted, destroyed, or otherwise allowed to expire without use?
3. Is there a plan to repurpose the supplies and commodities purchased for now-terminated foreign assistance programs for other U.S. foreign assistance programs?
4. Is there a plan to share supplies and commodities that can no longer be used by the United States with partner organizations or allied countries implementing similar programs?
5. What guidance has the State Department or USAID provided to staff at embassies and missions in the field responsible for managing these supplies and commodities?
6. Will you commit to prioritizing providing these supplies and commodities originally purchased for now-terminated foreign assistance programs to other U.S. foreign assistance programs or, if none are available, provide these supplies to allies or organizations providing similar programs?

We ask that you respond to these questions no later than July 15, 2025.

Sincerely,



Gabe Amo
Member of Congress



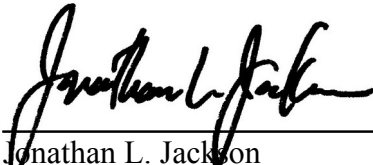
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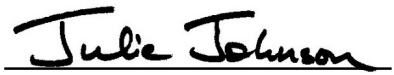
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