

ACTION ALERT

TELL CONGRESS TO REINSTATE FUNDING TO UNRWA AND REJECT MORE MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL

Here is an example of text to send to our Secretary of State and to your Representative (contact info on back).

Support the UNRWA Restoration Act - not more military aid to Israel

As a person of faith, I write to urge you to vote in favor of the new Joint Resolutions of Disapproval on the sales of arms to Israel - Senate Joint Res. 32, 33, 34, 35 and House Joint Res. 68, 69, 70, 71. I ask you to instead support the UNRWA Funding Emergency Restoration Act. (S. 898 and House bill to be introduced shortly) The US should act in support of human life and dignity not continue to support starvation and violence.

Throughout the last 17 months, the United States has supported Israel's disproportionate retaliation for the Hamas attacks with both military aid and arms sales and diplomatically. The US has provided more than \$25 billion in military aid and arms to Israel in these 17 months, including a new \$3 billion sale approved by Pres. Trump, and bypassing Congress to do so, and another \$12 billion in sales announced by Sec. of State Marco Rubio this month. The Biden Administration suspended funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) in 2024, and the Trump Administration has not restored it. Given UNRWA's critical role and unmatched capacity in providing education, healthcare, emergency relief, and employment for Palestinian refugees - including in Gaza where between two-thirds and three-fourths of the Palestinians are refugees - to defund UNRWA is to deny Palestinians access to the essential services they need.

Israel has once again cut off all food and other goods to Gaza, denying Palestinians there access to essential nutritional and health assistance and weaponizing the starvation of the Palestinian people of Gaza.

Please help stop this carnage. Vote in favor of the new Joint Resolutions of Disapproval on the sales of arms to Israel and to support the UNRWA Funding Emergency Restoration Act.

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ACTION ALERT

TELL CONGRESS TO REVERSE THE TERMINATION OF USAID FOR GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVES

Here is an example of text to send to our Secretary of State and to your Representative (contact info on back).

Reverse the termination of USAID for Global Health initiatives immediately.

Hello, my name is [your name] from [your town/city]. I am calling/writing to urge [legislator's name] to take a stand against the administration's recent decision to eliminate thousands of U.S. foreign aid programs and dismantle the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Although foreign aid accounts for less than 1% of the federal budget, it enables the United States to remain the world's leading provider of humanitarian, food, and medical assistance. These cuts not only jeopardize the well-being of millions but also undermine our national security and global standing.

For decades there was bipartisan support for USAID Global Health initiatives' life saving support to millions living in the most vulnerable regions of the world. The inhumane abrupt end to medical care and food sustenance to people struggling with war, natural disasters, and famine will mean the preventable deaths of literally millions of men, women, and children. Highly contagious diseases will more readily circulate the globe creating greater suffering and geopolitical instability. Cancelling USAID contracts is egregious and puzzling behavior by our country that once was a beacon of hope to the world; now no longer reflecting the values of people of faith such as love, justice, and caring.

As your constituent, I urge [your legislator] to take immediate action to restore these critical aid programs and safeguard USAID as it was established, authorized, and funded by Congress. Time is running out for those who depend on our support—please act now.

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ACTION ALERT

TELL CONGRESS TODAY TO PROTECT FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT THE VULNERABLE

Here is an example of text to send to our Secretary of State and to your Representative (contact info on back).

Protect Federal Programs that Support the Vulnerable

Hello, my name is [your name] from [your town/city]. I am reaching out to urge [legislator's name] to oppose the administration's recent decision to cut federal programs that support our most vulnerable communities. I strongly urge you to take a stand and work toward reversing these harmful cutbacks.

Specifically, The US Department of Agriculture cut backs will limit the fresh food that local Food Banks rely upon. Cuts from US Department of Housing and Urban Development are needed to fight homelessness. Funds from the US Department of Health and Human Services for Medicaid negatively impact the ever increasing number of people living in poverty. These are basic acts of humanity.

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