

Call to Action - Save USAID, from Andrew Albertson, Foreign Policy for America, 3 Feb. 2025

We're in crisis mode. Elon Musk and his DOGE goons have taken control of USAID, removing not just the logo but even the USAID Memorial Wall honoring employees who have died while serving our country. Today he barred employees from entering.

It's clear now – his goal is not to ensure USAID works strategically in concert with the State Department. His goal is to destroy America's capacity to deliver foreign aid. What an extraordinary gift to China and Russia.



Here's what we're asking you to do:

First, thousands of people in this community have been, and will be affected by Musk's illegal actions. If you are one of those individuals, thank you for your patriotism and your commitment to public service. Please visit civilservicestrong.org for updates, advice, and additional resources as you navigate this moment.

For all of you who live in the D.C. metro area, your solidarity is important right now. Please join retired and former USAID and State Department officials on Wednesday Feb. 5th at 11:30am to call for restoring foreign aid. LINK: usaidstopwork.com/rallyinformation

Second, your Senators and your Representative need to hear from you today. Call them and demand:

1. That the State Department's stop work order freezing foreign aid be reversed so that the United States can continue to deliver life saving assistance and compete effectively for global influence.
2. That Elon Musk appears before a Congressional hearing to explain what legal authority he has to destroy an agency grounded in statute.
3. That the Senate refuse to confirm State Department nominees until USAID's normal operations are restored.

That legislation is passed to protect the privacy of Americans' financial information and prevent unauthorized access to the Department of the Treasury's payment system.

Third, we need to push back in the media. If you're one of our many members who has or would like to appear on TV or offer a quote to a journalist, please email Rana.Nejad@FP4America.org. She'll get you our latest message guidance circulated to congressional allies and can provide additional support.

This is not over, but we do need to fight back right now. Thank you for all you're doing.

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