

April 4: Dispatch from the Field

I am sharing just 6 quick points as we head into the weekend.

1. We hit rock bottom about a week ago when we learned that all remaining USAID workers were being terminated. The good thing about rock bottom is that going forward, everything is up. And the tide is indeed turning. "Friends of USAID" asks the question: Is this the end, or a turning point? (see link [here](#)). Allow me to paraphrase. Whether this marks the end – or the start of something greater – depends on us. The fight only stops when we stop fighting. The resistance is not only alive, it is accelerating. And while rebuilding won't be easy, USAID workers know how to rebuild. We are experts in capacity-building, in resilience, in showing up after disasters and putting the pieces back together. That is what we do. We've done it for communities around the world and now we will do it for our own community. – Well said!

2. The turning tide has been on full display in a series of out-of-cycle elections. The latest coming this past Tuesday, when Susan Crawford won a state Supreme Court race over the MAGA and Musk-endorsed candidate by an astounding 10 points. This in a state that Trump won just five months ago. This is good news for reproductive rights, for voting rights, and for democracy. And as Justice Crawford remarked after her victory, "the courts are not for sale". I'm not sure that the future of civilization hung in the balance with this election as Elon claimed. But if so, we'll take it!

Thanks, Elon
For Throwing Your Weight Behind the MAGA Candidate!

SUPREME COURT WISCONSIN		CURRENT VOTE COUNT
✓ PROJECTED WINNER	55.0% 1,286,748	99% IN
	45.0% 1,050,816	
DIFFERENCE: 235,932		

**MAGA
CANDIDATE**

3. On Wednesday, Senator Jeanne Shaheen chaired a Roundtable on the impacts of cuts to USAID's global health programs. Nick Enrich, Atul Gawande, both former USAID/AA's for Global Health and Dan Schwartz, VP at MSH provided excellent testimony, rebutting false claims about the program made by this Administration. And Atul provides the clear rationale for defining "life-saving" more broadly to encompass upstream public health interventions that avert millions of deaths each year. See the video of the 1 hour 48 minute event [here](#). Quote from Senator Coons: "I have to say how grateful I am for the service, the sacrifice, the work, and the impacts (of US aid workers). And how alarmed I am at the consequences of the fraudulent, cruel, wasteful crushing of USAID and everything it meant... From the rubble of USAID, we need to rebuild a world-class foreign aid engagement and rebuild trust with the partners or we will permanently harm the people of the United States." This is well worth a watch! And bravo to the witnesses for bravely stepping forward!



4. Keep those letters coming! Letters that are submitted by next Tuesday night, will be hand-delivered to Congressional offices – and will open the door to having staff discussions by the delivery team. See flier below.

ATTN: THE WORK IS NOT OVER!

On APRIL 10 we will once again deliver your letters, your concerns, and your voice to your congressional representatives.

"make history!"



"we the people are strong"

Sen. Booker

Use the QR code to tell Congress how you feel about the CN, the recent RIFs and the actions of this administration.

or submit completed letters to: congressaidletters@gmail.com

deadline:
Tuesday night, April 8



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<http://bit.ly/congressaidletters>

5. Tomorrow is the nation-wide "Hands-Off" protest. Get your signs ready! For those of you in the DC area, you can join the USAID contingent in front of the RRB building. For those of you elsewhere, click [here](#) to find a Hands-Off location near you.

USAID colleagues & friends
Join the

**HANDS
~~OFF!~~**

rally!

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
Meet at

11:30 am @ the RRB 14th st entrance
and we'll walk over together!

Wear your USAID merch!

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6. Continue to make your voices heard. Keep the pressure on and keep the faith! Too much is at stake, both here in America and globally!

--Scott

p.s. While much rebuilding lies ahead for staffing, programs, and partner relationships, I still hold out hope that more of USAID -- its people, its programs, its structure -- can be retained in this moment.