

Democrats' Letter opposing legislation eliminating AID. Devex, 14 Apr 2025

Letter rip (letter itself is already on website)

Democrats are in the minority in both chambers of the U.S. Congress, but they're still trying to make their voices heard as **they oppose the Trump administration's deep cuts to foreign aid** — even insisting [the merger of USAID into the State Department could be unlawful](#).

“As proposed, this plan will overburden the State Department, jeopardize the continuity of programs that save lives and keep Americans safe at home and **further undermine U.S. credibility and reliability**,” four top-ranking Democratic lawmakers write in a letter to Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

The letter, Elissa reports, came two weeks after the Trump administration delivered a [congressional notification](#) to Capitol Hill that laid out a plan to “abolish” USAID as an independent entity, and to subsume select programs into the Department of State.

Last week, Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, Sen. Brian Schatz, Rep. Gregory Meeks, and Rep. Lois Frankel formally objected to the State Department's plan, stating **the process Rubio had undertaken to reform USAID was unlawful**.

But an objection only has legal power if it results in an actual act of Congress, and with Republicans in charge, such an outcome is unlikely.

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