

An Open Letter to Congress:

In an increasingly complex and integrated global landscape, the United States must be prepared to address challenges with the diplomatic and development tools of the **International Affairs Budget**.

The International Affairs Budget represents only **1.4% of federal spending, yet reaps significant dividends** by ensuring global development and stability; promoting our values through humanitarian action; and expanding markets for American businesses.

Yet, despite its vital role and valuable contributions, the International Affairs Budget shouldered nearly 20% of all discretionary spending cuts in fiscal year 2011. Further cuts will come in **lives lost**, hard-won **gains reversed** and **missed economic** and **strategic opportunities** for the United States.

Such cuts to the International Affairs Budget would limit our ability to assist the world's poorest and most vulnerable people, put us on the sidelines in influencing rapidly transforming regions of the world, **and signal a dramatic decline of U.S. leadership in promoting a more stable world.**

We cannot afford to discontinue critical programs that expand markets for U.S. products and help create American jobs as our country continues to recover from economic crisis. And we cannot betray our nation's morals by scaling back humanitarian assistance as the Horn of Africa famine claims thousands of lives.

Please oppose disproportionate cuts to the International Affairs Budget.

Sincerely,

129 organizations working to end poverty and respond to emergencies around the world.

3P Human Security	Evangelical Lutheran Church of America	National Association of Social Workers
ActionAid USA	FHI360	National Council of Jewish Women
Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)	Food for the Hungry	National Organization for Women
African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF)	Friends Committee on National Legislation	National Peace Corps Association
African Wildlife Foundation	Friends of the Global Fight	ONE
Agricultural Cooperative Development International/Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance	Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition	Oxfam America
Air Serv International	Global Alliance To Prevent Prematurity and Stillbirth	PATH
Alliance to End Hunger	Global Health Council	Perkins School for the Blind
American Jewish World Service	Global Links	Plan International USA
American Refugee Committee	Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ	Plant With Purpose
Americans for Informed Democracy	Global Washington	Population Action International
Americans for UNFPA	Habitat for Humanity	Population Institute
AmeriCares	Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights	Positive Community Impact
America's Development Foundation	Heifer International	The Public Health Institute
Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development	Helen Keller International	Refugees International
Basic Education Coalition	HelpAge USA	RESULTS
The Borgen Project	The Hunger Project	ReSurge International
Bread for the World	IMA World Health	Save the Children
CARE	Initiative for Global Development	Self Help Africa
Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE)	INMED Partnerships for Children	St. Francis Health Care Services
The Center for Victims of Torture	Institute for Sustainable Communities	TB Alliance
The Centre for Development and Population Activities	InterAction	Trickle Up
Chaldean Federation of America	International AIDS Vaccine Initiative	U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
CHF International	International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)	U.S. Fund for UNICEF
ChildFund International	International Foundation for Electoral Systems	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee	International Medical Corps	United Church of Christ
Church of the Brethren	International Relief and Development, Dr. Arthur Keys, President & CEO	United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society
Church World Service	International Rescue Committee	United Methodist Committee on Relief
Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach	International Youth Foundation	VCU Institute for Women's Health
Concern America	Intrahealth International	WASH Advocacy Initiative
Concern Worldwide US	Islamic Relief USA	Washington Office on Latin America
Conference of Major Superiors of Men	Juarez & Associates, Inc. (J&A)	WaterAid
Congressional Hunger Center	Kurdish Human Rights Watch	WellShare International
Consortium of Universities for Global Health	Land O'Lakes	Werner Consulting
Counterpart International	Lutheran World Relief	White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood
Creative Associates International	Management Sciences for Health	Winrock International
Creative Learning, Inc.	Medical Emergency Relief International (MERLIN) USA, Inc	Women Thrive Worldwide
Destiny Resource Center	Medical Teams International	Women's Refugee Commission
Eastern Mennonite University, Center for Justice and Peacebuilding	Medicines for Malaria Venture	World Relief
Education Development Center	Mercy Corps	World Concern
Environmental and Rural Mediation Centre (ENVIRUMEDIC)	Millennium Water Alliance	World Food Program USA
Episcopal Church	Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network	World Learning
Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc.		World Vision
		World Wildlife Fund