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February 25, 2026

The Honorable Russell Vought  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
725 17th St. NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Vought,

I write to you today to express my profound concern regarding recent reports that the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is allocating operating expenses for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to cover the costs of your protection by the U.S. Marshals Service through the end of 2026. Protecting government officials is a legitimate priority, but this misuse of congressionally appropriated funds, coupled with the lack of transparency, undermines the mission of USAID and erodes confidence in the responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars. I urge you to ensure USAID funds are used strictly for their intended purpose and end this gross abuse of your position as OMB Director.

On February 13, 2026, *Reuters* reported that multiple internal documents demonstrated that OMB has directed approximately \$15 million of USAID's operating funds to cover the costs of a U.S. Marshals Service security detail assigned to you through the end of 2026. According to these reports, your security detail comprises more than one dozen U.S. Marshals, and OMB will "continue to use available funds at the [OMB, USAID and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau] overseen by [you] to protect [you]." While the safety of government officials is undoubtedly important, the appropriations process exists to ensure that dollars are used for their designated purpose. And though the Trump administration dismantled USAID and canceled most of its aid programs—to the detriment of U.S. global leadership—these funds are intended for international development and humanitarian assistance, not your security detail.

For over six decades, USAID has served as the cornerstone of America's global humanitarian and development efforts, delivering food, health care, clean water, and economic opportunity to millions around the world. Its mandate is to alleviate poverty, promote democratic governance, and stabilize vulnerable regions through non-military assistance. Redirecting funds away from these objectives to pay for domestic security operations deviates sharply from Congress's intent and undermines the agency's core purpose. This misuse of funds is fundamentally wrong and a gross abuse of power.

The American people deserve transparency and accountability when it comes to federal spending. Accordingly, I respectfully request responses to the following questions by March 2, 2026:

1. What is the total amount of USAID funding that has been obligated or expended for your security detail to date? What is the projected total cost through FY2026?
2. Under what appropriations account(s) were these funds drawn, and what was the original congressional intent of those funds?
3. Did you notify Congress of this reallocation?

4. Were humanitarian, development, or stabilization programs impacted as a result of this redirection of funds? If so, which programs?
5. Were alternative funding sources within the Executive Office of the President considered before using USAID accounts?
6. Who authorized the use of USAID funds for this purpose, and on what date was that decision made?

I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raja Krishnamoorthi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Raja Krishnamoorthi  
Member of Congress