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The Honorable Marco Rubio
United States Secretary of State
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Mr. Bill Woolf
Acting Administrator
U.S. Agency for International Development
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Dear Secretary Rubio and Acting Administrator Woolf:

We are writing to express our concern about the apparent misuse of the USAID.gov website. Last night, links to documents were posted that include Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and potentially other sensitive data in likely contravention of federal law and regulations. We urge you to immediately remove this information from the USAID.gov website and ensure any information that appears is in full compliance with applicable law and regulations.

The posting of files appears to be an effort to tarnish USAID's decades of work promoting freedom and democracy abroad and cover up the appalling impact of the agency's closure, which caused millions of preventable deaths and cost American taxpayers billions of dollars. By the agency's own calculation, these costs may exceed $19 billion, not including interest payments and legal expenses.

Moreover, the selective publishing of certain files and excerpts serves no purpose other than to sow disinformation. This is not a suitable or acceptable use of federal resources or a U.S. government website.

The release of files in this manner begs the question of what review was done of these files to ensure compliance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a) and other applicable federal statutes regarding public disclosure. The site also fails to meet basic statutory and regulatory requirements, for example regarding the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Inspector

General records and providing links to these resources. An agency website cannot purport to exist and serve the public but omit the most basic requirements.

We urge you to engage in responsible stewardship of U.S. government resources, immediately remove any files containing PII and sensitive information from the USAID.gov website and bring it into compliance with federal laws and regulations.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Shaheen
Ranking Member
Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Gregory W. Meeks
Ranking Member
House Foreign Affairs Committee