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Foreign aid agency issues remain

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Currently Congress is working to fold the U.S. Agency For International Development (USAID) into the State Department. This agency was set up to distribute and monitor our foreign aid dollars, which are about 1 percent of our total budget, and to advise and assist countries to help reduce poverty. However, if the efforts of the current administration and Republicans in Congress to merge USAID totally into the State Department are successful, it will subvert the ability of Congress to carry our humanitarian foreign aid and monitor how these dollars are being spent.

Mega-sized governmental bodies are breeding grounds for corruption and inefficiency, as the investigations into the working of the Department of Homeland Security show. It is time for citizens and our Congressional representatives to step up to the plate and say no to the merger of USAID into the State Department. Enough is enough; we demand efficient and transparent government run according to democratic principles.

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