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H. R. 1196

To prohibit the use of Federal funds to eliminate the United States Agency
for International Development.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACOBS (for herself, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. TITUS, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. McBRIDE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. BERA, Mr. AMO, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. STANTON, Ms. ELFRETH, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. McGOVERN, and Ms. JAYAPAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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States Agency for International Development.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect U.S. National
5 Security Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

1 (1) any reform or reorganization of the United
2 States Agency for International Development
3 (USAID) should be done—

4 (A) in accordance with existing laws;

5 (B) in a manner that maintains United
6 States soft power abroad;

7 (C) in a manner that prevents United
8 States adversaries and strategic competitors
9 from filling the void on the world stage; and

10 (D) in a manner that makes the United
11 States safer, stronger, and more prosperous;
12 and

13 (2) only an act of Congress can eliminate the
14 United States Agency for International Development
15 as an independent establishment, as defined by sec-
16 tion 104 of title 5, United States Code.

17 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF FUNDS TO ELIMINATE USAID.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with section 1413 of
19 the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental
20 Appropriations Act of 1999 (22 U.S.C. 6563), no Federal
21 funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the
22 American Relief Act, 2025 (Public Law 118–158) or any
23 other or prior appropriations Act may be made available
24 to eliminate the status of the United States Agency for
25 International Development as an independent establish-

1 ment, as defined by section 104 of title 5, United States
2 Code.

3 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
4 tion shall be construed to indicate that the elimination,
5 dismantlement, or subsumption of the USAID is permis-
6 sible under existing law.

7 (c) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after
8 the date of enactment of this act, and annually for 5 years
9 thereafter, the Secretary of State shall certify to the ap-
10 propriate Committees compliance with this section.

11 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
12 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
13 tees of Congress” means—

14 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
15 House of Representatives; and

16 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
17 Senate.

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