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Quotes

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“The cuts proposed by this administration are fundamentally reckless. Congress should reject this budget because it would cripple our country’s ability to engage with our allies and confront global threats.” - **George Ingram, Co-Chair, MFAN and Senior Fellow, the Brookings Institution**

“We must not balance the budget on the backs of the poor around the world. Cutting foreign aid doesn’t make a dent in the deficit, but would decimate our nation’s efforts to help poor and hungry people.” - **Bill O’Keefe, Vice President, Government Affairs and Advocacy, Catholic Relief Services**

“The proposed cuts to the International Affairs budget could not be more ill-timed. Humanitarian needs are at a historic high with 65 million people displaced by war and conflict around the world and an estimated 20 million at risk of starvation due to famine conditions in four countries. Lives around the world hang in the balance, so now is the worst possible time to turn away.” - **David Miliband, President and CEO, International Rescue Committee**

“At a time of looming famine in parts of Africa and continued conflict in the Middle East, the International Affairs Budget cannot be significantly cut without it impacting U.S. leadership in creating a more humane and secure world. The cuts proposed in the President’s Budget Request would result in decreased support to mothers and children around the world in some of the most dire circumstances. The International Affairs Budget is less than 1 percent of the federal budget, and cuts would mean fewer children will receive life-saving treatment for malnutrition, oral rehydration therapy to treat diarrhea, and immunizations. Such cuts also risk slowing the progress we have seen toward better health and education for marginalized children and mothers where the United States has played a critical, catalytic role.” - **Carolyn Miles, President and CEO, Save the Children**

“The U.S. will not achieve peace, security, and prosperity at home by withdrawing from the world. Disproportionate cuts to foreign affairs funding will undermine U.S. national security interests and threaten American leadership across the globe. When we pursue our interests in partnership with our allies and at the United Nations, we share the burden of responding to global crises so we do not need to go it alone.” - **Peter Yeo, President, Better World Campaign, Vice President for Public Policy and Advocacy, United Nations Foundation**

“For more than 50 years, World Vision has worked alongside U.S. government partners to address the needs of vulnerable children and families living in poverty around the world. Foreign assistance is the right thing for the U.S. to do because it saves lives, reflecting our country’s regard for life and human potential. But it’s also a smart thing to do, in the best interests of our country. We appreciate that the President wishes to run a fiscally responsible government. But cutting such a small part of the federal budget – especially at a time when the world is so unstable and volatile – seems penny wise and pound foolish. World Vision urges Congress to reject these broad and short-sighted cuts.” - **Rich Stearns, President, World Vision US**

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(Alphabetically by organization)

“Africa is a continent where we need more and more inroads, and nothing talks louder and gets more done than development assistance. People on the ground know very well what they need, and they see the U.S. as a reliable partner in helping them meet that need. A cut in development aid is exactly the wrong direction for us and for Africans. Just when we are finally beginning to see the huge difference small investments make in a place like Africa, it is no time to pull back.” - **Robert L. Mallett, President and CEO, Africare**

“The spending cuts President Trump is proposing to the State Department and USAID would roll back the tremendous progress we have made against global hunger and poverty, and put our national security at risk. Less than one cent of every dollar in the United States’ budget goes to foreign aid. Making these unprecedented cuts while 20 million people are on the verge of famine will exacerbate a devastating humanitarian crisis, and play into the hands of those who would do us harm.” - **Reverend David Beckmann, President, Bread for the World**

“In the midst of the worst displacement crisis in history, U.S. and global human security depend on our country exercising leadership by increasing, not cutting, funds for international refugee assistance and restoring refugee resettlement to 110,000 individuals this fiscal year.” - **Rev. John L. McCullough, President and CEO, Church World Service**

“U.S. leadership in global HIV and health programs has been transformational. Significantly reduced foreign assistance funding will not only limit our health programs’ effectiveness going forward, but also threatens to undo the remarkable progress that has been made through critical U.S. investments.” - **Charles Lyons, President and CEO, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation**

“To protect and advance US interests we must confront economic and security challenges abroad. This requires pairing diplomacy and development with a strong military. You can’t have civil-military solutions if the civilian agencies are so weak and under-resourced they can’t contribute. That weakens our military and it weakens our country.” - **Patrick Fine, CEO, FHI 360**

“Diseases know no borders. Relying on antibiotics to cure infections, rather than prevent them, is leading us down a backwards path toward a world before antibiotics. Drug resistance, a rapidly growing global threat, is going to cause everything from more complicated illnesses and more expensive healthcare to more deaths. Already many of the common antibiotics we’ve come to rely on are no longer effective and very few new ones are in development. But every infection prevented is one that needs no treatment, and prevention requires one key ingredient: Water. Water, the single symbol shared by every world religion, must stop being the source of disease that it is, and become the blessing of health and life it is meant to be. Which is one more reason why U.S. foreign assistance funding, influence and leadership, which helps bring safe water and sanitation to the world, is fundamental to our health here in the U.S.” - **Susan Barnett, Founder, Faiths for Safe Water**

“At just 1% of the US budget, America’s foreign aid is a vital part of our national security, of America’s influence in the world, as well as saving millions of lives. Global Citizen vehemently opposes any foreign aid cuts, and calls on Congress and President Trump’s Cabinet to ensure that these cuts do not take place as the full budget is created in the coming weeks.” - **Simon Moss, Co-Founder and Managing Director- Campaigns, Global Citizen**

“These cuts put America even more at risk. Protecting the public’s health against pandemic threats like Ebola require sustained investment and attention. These cuts may look attractive on paper but the sad truth is, lives will be lost.” - **Richard Santos, President and CEO, IMA World Health**

“I can say unequivocally that Peace Corps is, without question, the best personal and professional decision I have made. As I have written about, the skills you learn and hone (grit, agility and gratitude) are more important in today’s professional world, than ever before. I was stationed in Niger, West Africa which is a Muslim majority country. Testament to the power of Peace Corps and American diplomacy, during the First Gulf War, Niger sent troops to support our forces. Peace Corps and America’s development and diplomacy programs are great for our country’s global power and global economy.” - **Meg Garlinghouse, Head of Social Impact, LinkedIn**

“The Administration’s budget proposal for foreign affairs would severely undercut years of reform and rebuilding of our development architecture. Development is a discipline; and a strong, independent, and technically adept USAID is critical to our national security.” - **Connie Veillette, Co-Chair, MFAN and Senior Fellow, The Lugar Center**

“Foreign affairs is a weapon of mass construction, foreign and domestic construction. For generations, Americans like myself have returned to America from diplomatic and development missions abroad with a knowledge of emerging markets and a passion to make a difference. We launch for-profit and for-purpose companies and organizations that are successful because we understand the world beyond our boundaries. What America needs more of are our diplomatic and development efforts, including the Peace Corps.” - **Reed Hastings, Netflix Founder and CEO, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Swaziland 1982-84)**

“American companies and research institutions have long been at the forefront of innovation in health and development, leading to groundbreaking vaccines, treatments, and devices. Today, advancements in technology are revealing opportunities to tackle once-unsolvable problems. At the same time, once-poor nations are increasingly able to serve as partners in the fight to end poverty and eliminate deadly diseases. Realizing the potential of these advancements requires doubling down on US leadership. If anything, we should consider doing more, not less.” - **Steve Davis, President and CEO, PATH**

“U.S. investments have contributed to the largest reductions in extreme poverty ever recorded in human history. The Administration’s proposed budget cut to lifesaving health, food security, and humanitarian programs will compromise the development gains of recent years and weaken our own security and global leadership.” - **Carrie Hessler-Radelet, President and CEO, Project Concern International**

“This devastating proposed budget cut could unravel decades of progress in the fight against global poverty and disease, putting millions of lives at risk. These funds help countries get more girls in school. They help make sure people aren’t driven into poverty or sentenced to death by preventable, treatable diseases. They help make sure tens of millions of kids don’t miss out on lifesaving vaccines. For decades, the bipartisan consensus in support of these programs has remained strong even in otherwise divisive times. It’s up to Congress to protect and advance these high-impact investments, continuing to move us forward and not undoing decades of progress.” - **Dr. Joanne Carter, Executive Director, RESULTS and RESULTS Educational Fund**

“Anyone who has confidence in the American project supports the Peace Corps mission. Don’t fund the Peace Corps, development assistance, and diplomacy? Start digging trenches along Atlantic Beach.” - **Karl Eikenberry, Oksenberg-Rohlen Fellow, Director, U.S.-Asia Security Initiative & faculty member, Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University**

“The benefits of foreign assistance go beyond lifting developing countries out of poverty. Stable global economies help to boost American commerce and create jobs in the U.S.” - **Jan Auman, President, Tetra Tech International Development Services**

“I am a fiscal conservative and I believe strongly in focusing on prevention rather than cure. New security challenges emerge almost daily across the globe, and the leadership opportunities for the United States have never been greater. U.S diplomacy and development efforts merit increased funding at this time, not substantial decreases. A strong U.S. presence abroad will make the world a better, safer place in the near future, and will pay enormous dividends in the long run by focusing on prevention not cure, thus obviating the need for expensive military solutions. Smart investments today in preventive diplomacy will save the U.S. taxpayer significantly in the future.” - **John Oldfield, CEO, Water 2017**

“I was part of a team that built what is now an \$8 billion global industry and in the process created billions of dollars of economic value, thousands of jobs and a healthier beverage industry here in the US. That never would have happened if not for America’s development efforts overseas. Throughout history, all great nations have sent young men and women abroad to represent them before others and bring the best ideas in the world back home. Our diplomatic and development programs continue this tradition, and are a fundamental part of our national security and business interests.” - **Mark Rampolla, Founder & former CEO, ZICO Beverages**
