

Chair Collins, Vice Chair Murray, thank you for having me here today. I look forward to a productive conversation.

I am here to testify on the Administration's \$9.4 billion rescissions package. This package reflects the Trump Administration's steadfast commitment to cutting wasteful federal spending antithetical to American interests and correcting our fiscal trajectory.

Over the past five months, members of this body and the House of Representatives have consistently requested that the Administration send a rescissions package to codify the work of DOGE into law. The House of Representatives recently passed this package in full, and it is critical the Senate swiftly do the same.

The rescissions process is not a new one, though it has fallen into disuse over the past two decades. Every President from Gerald Ford through Bill Clinton successfully rescinded funds. Rescissions were often bipartisan and were once a regular feature of the budget process. In fact, in the past 42 years, only three Presidents have not proposed rescissions to Congress.

Today I sit before you as the first White House official to testify on a rescissions package in decades, if not ever, to explain the proposal and demonstrate the Administration's commitment to reining in federal spending.

The package the Senate will soon consider was carefully crafted, with input from Congress, to cut funding the American people find wholly objectionable.

The proposal would rescind \$1.1 billion in funding to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which has funded a politically biased public media system that has promoted radical and divisive ideologies at the American taxpayer's expense.

Republicans have campaigned on cutting funding for NPR and PBS for decades, and for good reason. Many members of this body have made the case eloquently, and the leadership of NPR's own actions and testimony have left no doubt as to their agenda.

There is no longer any excuse for tax dollars to subsidize these radical, far-left networks. If you would like to donate to them on your own, you are more than welcome to do so, but taxpayers should no longer be forced to foot the bill.

The proposal would also rescind \$8.3 billion in funding for the State Department, USAID, and other foreign aid that has been used to advance left-wing causes abroad to the detriment of recipient nations and our own. It is critical that this body—and the American people writ large—understand that many foreign aid programs use benevolent-sounding titles to hide truly appalling activity that is not in line with American interests.

For example, under the guise of so-called "preventative care" within the PEPFAR program, Americans have been funding the following:

- \$5.5 million to LGBTQI+ advocacy in Uganda;
- \$800,000 for "transgender people, sex workers and their clients and sexual networks" in Nepal;
- \$3.6 million for LGBTQ+ activism, free training in pastry cooking, "psychosocial counseling," a cyber café, and dance focus groups for male prostitutes in Haiti; and
- \$1.1 million to produce a "Gender Transformation in Diverse Social and Behavior Change" report, which advocates against "gender-blindness."

Most Americans would be shocked and appalled to learn that their tax dollars—money they thought was going to medical care—was actually going to far-left activism, population control, and "sex workers."

To be clear, no lifesaving treatment will be impacted by this rescissions package. Anyone currently receiving lifesaving treatment will continue to receive that treatment. In fact, over \$16 billion worth of Global Health Program funding will remain after the rescission, nearly \$10 billion of which is dedicated to PEPFAR alone. This will take two to three years to spend out. And, of course, this is after the U.S. has provided \$120 billion through the program—or over \$6 billion each year since its creation in 2006. At \$37 trillion in debt, can we not pull back \$400 million in funding?

Other examples of the types of spending proposed for rescission are almost comically wasteful. For example, Complex Crises Fund money went to voter ID in Haiti. Development Assistance funding has been used for “net zero cities” in Mexico, electric buses in Rwanda, and cricket powder in Madagascar. Global Health money went to the International Planned Parenthood Foundation and UNFPA. AEECA funding went to social media mentorship in Serbia and Belarus. The Clean Technology Fund was used for wind farms in Ukraine. The list goes on.

Americans didn’t vote to fund this. They didn’t vote to continue the Washington status quo. The entire federal government must be responsible with each taxpayer dollar that comes to Washington. The American people voted for change—President Trump stands ready to put our fiscal house back in order and put the American taxpayer first.

A vote for this rescissions package is a vote to show that the U.S. Senate is serious about getting our fiscal house in order. I hope that the Senate will join us in that fight.

I look forward to answering your questions.