

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

November 18, 2019

The Honorable Mark Green  
Administrator  
U.S. Agency for International Development  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Re: USAID Procurement Reform

Dear Ambassador Green:

Thank you for your efforts to reform USAID's procurement process and diversify its partner base. We are writing to urge you to ensure that the Agency will use a fair and substantial number of small, U.S.-based not-for-profit and civil society partners, such as U.S. credit union organizations, in furtherance of U.S. foreign policy and assistance mission.

The U.S.-led global credit union system, with its citizen-based, community-rooted network is uniquely situated to assist USAID in addressing the needs of aid recipients and US foreign policy concerns. The international credit union system extends its global leadership through a network of 89,000 credit unions serving 260 million members in 117 countries, many of which are prioritized by USAID. The network delivers private assistance and training through 70,000 volunteers and 300,000 employees at United States local, community-owned credit unions.

This network addresses the root drivers of instability worldwide by supporting food security, settling refugees into communities, and addressing the conditions that drive the migration of refugees, such as civil conflict and poverty. Those communities often turn to their credit unions to mitigate their respective challenges. U.S. credit unions can play a critical role in assisting these institutions to meet the needs of their communities.

In recent years, USAID's direct funding to contracts and awards in tens of millions of dollars have gone to an increasingly small circle of large, for-profit contractors. We urge you to ensure that a fair and substantial proportion of the total awards and contracts made by USAID are awarded to small, U.S.-based not-for-profit and civil-society based organizations such as credit union organizations.

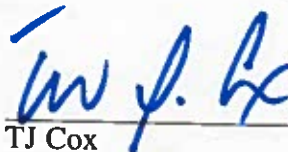
Such U.S. partners have successfully executed USAID projects in the past with lasting impact. Providing opportunities for small, U.S.-based credit unions, cooperatives and not-for-profit organizations would make U.S. foreign assistance programs more effective in applying the specialized expertise and in leveraging the long-term, local and sustainable relationships of these U.S. civil society organizations. More importantly, it will help capitalize on the outstanding efforts and results already obtained by USAID.

As such, it is imperative that USAID procurement reforms result in more competitions, platforms and services that include U.S. civil society partners and make it easier for partnerships with credit union organizations. We respectfully request your support for ensuring the participation of these organizations.

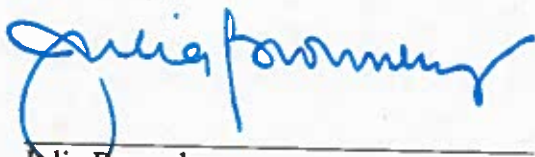
Sincerely,



Brad Sherman  
Member of Congress



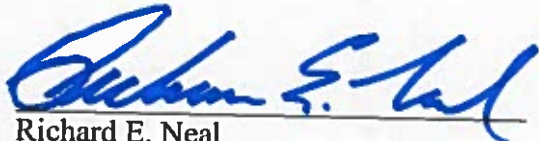
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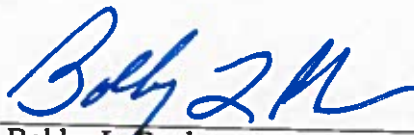
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