

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Chairman
Subcommittee on National Security
and Department of State
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Lois Frankel
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on National Security
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March 13, 2026

Dear Chairman Diaz-Balart and Ranking Member Frankel:

We write to express our strong support for meeting our financial obligations to the United Nations (UN) in the Fiscal Year 2027 National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs (NSRP) appropriations bill. Specifically, we request \$1.389 billion for the Contributions to International Organizations (CIO) account, \$1.255 billion for the Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities (CIPA) account, \$410 million for the Peacekeeping Operations (PKO) account, and \$436.9 million for the International Organizations and Programs (IO&P) account. We also request the inclusion of bill language lifting the arbitrary 25 percent cap on U.S. contributions to UN peacekeeping operations.

The UN remains an indispensable partner in protecting and advancing America's national interests. Through our investments in the CIO account, which funds U.S. assessments for the UN regular budget, the U.S. supports special political missions in Haiti, Colombia, and Somalia that are working to advance peace processes, promote democratic governance, counter terrorism, address human rights violations, and bolster international efforts to combat fentanyl smuggling and human trafficking. CIO account funding for UN specialized agencies protects U.S. national security and economic competitiveness. However, the Trump Administration's disastrous cuts in foreign assistance to UN agencies have undermined humanitarian responses and stalled efforts to defend the rights of women and girls around the world endangering countless lives.

U.S. funding for UN peacekeeping operations is a force multiplier advancing our interests and helping to promote our values globally. For example, in recognition of the critical role of the UN mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), the Trump Administration the redoubled its partnership with MONUSCO to bolster peace efforts to end more than three decades of conflict in eastern Congo by supporting implementation of a ceasefire between the parties, facilitating humanitarian access, and engaging in other stabilization and civilian protection activities. The UN is also playing vital role to advancing core U.S. interests in stabilizing conflicts in the Western Hemisphere, including the Security Council's authorization of a Gang Suppression Force (GSF) for Haiti, which will assist in combating gang violence and

promoting security for the country's most vulnerable communities without requiring U.S. boots on the ground.

In 2025, the Trump Administration issued two rescissions packages, clawing back nearly 45 percent of congressional funding for CIO and CIPA, 80 percent for PKO, and 100 percent for IO&P. It also made zero payments to the UN regular budget that year. These decisions have inflicted serious financial damage on the UN. In October, U.S. underpayments forced the UN to slash peacekeeping missions and cut uniformed personnel by 25 percent. Last month, the UN Secretary-General warned that continued non-payment by member states would cause "financial collapse." Under President Trump, the United States is the primary non-payer of its assessed contributions, further undermining our own U.S. leadership at the UN. By ensuring robust funding to the UN, Congress is helping to enable the UN to complete all the critical functions the U.S. expects of it.

Your Subcommittee plays an essential role in ensuring that these critical investments in our national security and prosperity are adequately funded. We therefore strongly support funding for CIO, CIPA, PKO, and IO&P in line with the levels included in this letter. We also request the continuation of bill and report language from FY26 requiring the State Department to submit spend plans and consult with Congress regarding these accounts, which is of critical importance to our ability to exercise oversight over appropriated funds aligned with congressional intent.

To ensure that the U.S. satisfy its financial obligations, we also request bill language waiving the arbitrary 25% statutory cap on U.S. contributions to UN peacekeeping operations, the enforcement of which has caused the U.S. to run up more than \$1.5 billion in arrears since 2017. Recent developments in Haiti, Sub-Saharan Africa, and elsewhere underscore the importance of such financial flexibility that allows our country to address crises as they arise.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that the U.S. maintains its leadership role at the UN and continues to support UN activities and programs that serve our vital interests. Thank you for your consideration of our requests.

Sincerely,



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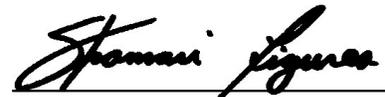
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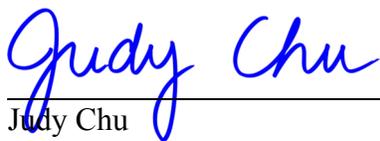
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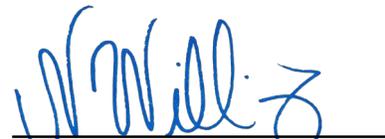
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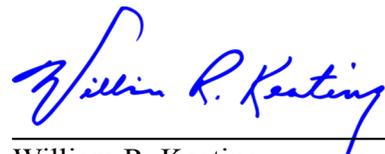
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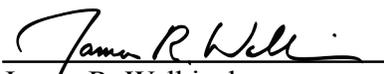
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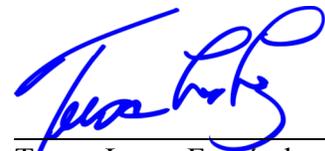
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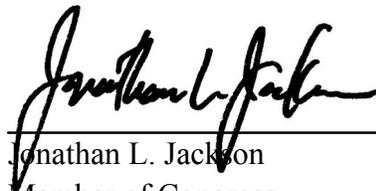
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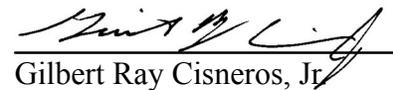
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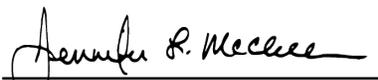
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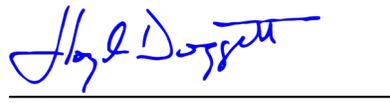
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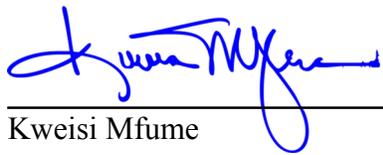
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