

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

January 30, 2024

The Honorable Samantha Power  
Administrator  
United States Agency for International Development  
1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Power:

We are concerned regarding the United Nations' International Office of Migration's (IOM) inaugural Global Annual Appeal for 2024, which set a fundraising goal to fight migration crises for 2024 at \$7.9 billion.<sup>1</sup> Despite receiving billions from member countries, the United Nations is once again requesting billions in this new appeal. As you are aware, a sizeable portion of this fundraising goal, \$2.7 billion, would be directed to reducing the risks and impacts of climate change, which is unclear if it even aligns within the mission of the United Nations.

In fact, even the United Nations itself agrees that international law doesn't officially recognize climate refugees or asylees.<sup>2</sup> Per the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, "The 1951 Refugee Convention allows for the granting of protections for individuals fleeing war, violence, conflict, or persecution."<sup>3</sup> Indeed, the many global conflicts occurring provide more than enough suffering that fits within the Refugee Convention scope and IOM's mission to provide humanitarian assistance.

Moreover, we are concerned that the United States will have to foot the bill for this appeal, which is truly a fiscally irresponsible decision. Our nation already provides billions to the United Nations. The United States is \$34 trillion in debt, and the federal process for allocating federal funds has garnered national attention due to the desire American citizens have to get our government's financial house in order. This has brought intense scrutiny on funding domestically and internationally.

But even under this backdrop, the United Nations will undoubtedly request that the United States significantly fund this climate activism masquerading as foreign aid. After all, this Administration has already pledged or spent \$5 billion to the Green Climate Fund—the most of any member nation by far.

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<sup>1</sup> Lee, A.L. "U.N. Global Migration Agency Launches Urgent Appeal for \$7.9 Billion in Funding." United Press International, United Press International, Inc., 22 Jan. 2024, [www.upi.com/Top\\_News/World-News/2024/01/22/united-nations-migration-organization-79-billion-funding-appeal/1301705930208/](https://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2024/01/22/united-nations-migration-organization-79-billion-funding-appeal/1301705930208/).

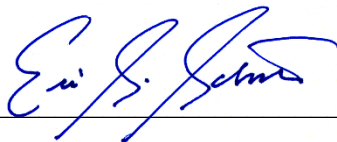
<sup>2</sup> "Climate Change and Displacement: The Myths and the Facts." United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 15 Nov. 2023, [www.unhcr.org/us/news/stories/climate-change-and-displacement-myths-and-facts](https://www.unhcr.org/us/news/stories/climate-change-and-displacement-myths-and-facts).

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

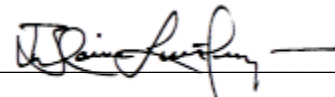
We the undersigned members have already introduced legislation that will block the United States Government from providing funding for the United Nations climate change agenda. As this legislation moves forward, we remain wary that this Administration will work with the United Nations to circumvent the legislation and provide covert ways to fund the United Nations' climate agenda. Therefore, we request that this Administration commit to ensuring that no funding—in any manner—goes to the United Nations' climate agenda. We ask that the Administration provide any documents that would demonstrate any commitment already to fund this initiative, as well as provide any memoranda or documents that demonstrate safeguards and accountability for this funding.

We thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. The American people expect that their government acts wisely with taxpayer dollars, and the United Nation's climate agenda does not represent a responsible action by any definition of the term.

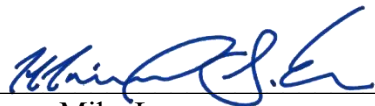
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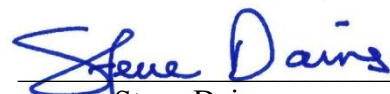
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