

September 14, 2023

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
The House Committee on Rules
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jim McGovern
Ranking Member
The House Committee on Rules
Washington, DC 20510

Re: SFOPs Appropriations Amendment Recommendations from Demand Progress Action

Dear Chairman Cole, Ranking Member McGovern, and Members of the House Committee on Rules,

As the House Rules Committee prepares to meet and vote on which amendments are to be made in order for H.R. 4665, Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024, Demand Progress Action strongly urges the House Rules Committee to allow votes for amendments that prioritize peaceful conflict resolution and diplomatic solutions, protect civil liberties, and enhance transparency regarding U.S. involvement abroad.

Specifically Demand Progress Action strongly urges the House Rules Committee to make in order the following amendments to H.R. 4665, Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024:

- [H.Amdt.68 to H.R. 4665](#), *Strikes Section 7045(c)(1)(A), which would bar support for key elements of the 2016 Colombian Peace Accords.*
- [H.Amdt.106 to H.R. 4665](#), *Requires a report on the death of American citizen, Shireen Abu Akleh.*
- [H.Amdt.57 to H.R. 4665](#), *Prevents funds made available by this act from being used to transfer nuclear equipment or nuclear technology to Saudi Arabia unless Saudi Arabia signs an Additional Protocol with the IAEA.*
- [H.Amdt.61 to H.R. 4665](#), *Reduces the amount for the Foreign Military Financing Program by \$270,000,000 and transfers it to the Complex Crises Fund and Prevention and Stabilization Fund by \$45,000,000 and \$225,000,000, respectively.*
- [H.Amdt.67 to H.R. 4665](#), *Authorizes 20,000 visas for the Afghan SIV (Special Immigrant Visa) Program.*
- [H.Amdt.108 to H.R. 4665](#), *UNRWA Funding.*
- [H.Amdt.129 to H.R. 4665](#), *Suspends International Military Education and Training for the Government of Uganda.*
- [H.Amdt.161 to H.R. 4665](#), *Requires the Secretary of State to report on if U.S. assistance to Azerbaijan is being used to undermine the status of ongoing peace negotiations with Armenia.*

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these provisions with you further. Please contact Hajar Hammado, policy advisor for Demand Progress, at hajar@demandprogress.org. Thank you for your consideration.