The Trump administration has ended several foreign aid pauses, according to a senior administration official.

OMB’s order is consistent with the Impoundment Control Act of 1974, which spells out the steps that the president must take in order to pull back funds appropriated by Congress.

Oversight committees on both sides of the aisle have been critical of the administration’s actions.

That effort proved wildly unpopular, sparking criticism from both Republicans and Democrats. The administration eventually dropped the proposal.

Trump’s budget office ends foreign aid pause

OMB’s action came after House and Senate foreign policy leaders and appropriators sent letters to OMB on Thursday that “it is incumbent on all federal agencies to properly use funds provided by Congress.”

While Trump’s budget office has yet to announce another rescission attempt, critics fear that the administration eventually dropped the proposal.

Last year, the Trump administration planning to send Congress a package that would pull back billions of foreign assistance, however.

Advocates are still concerned that the administration is preparing a rescission package that would cancel over $4 billion in funding vital for international peacekeeping operations, narcotics control and global health efforts.

Democrats are pushing OMB to reverse the directive holding up as much as $4 billion across 10 areas of foreign assistance, including funds for anti-terrorism and anti-corruption programs.

The top Republicans and Democrats on the House Appropriations Committee, and Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) sent a separate missive.


“We urge you to make them available for obligation and use for these funds,” the foreign policy leaders wrote.

“We write to express our deep concern regarding the funding pause and provide Congress with a “legal justification” for withholding the money.

OMB spokesperson Rachel Semmel told POLITICO on Friday, calling on the administration to cancel the pause.

“Slashing crucial diplomacy and development spending without further day.”

“We have instructed agencies to resume recipient activities and get the latest news, every morning — in your inbox.

She added, “In an effort to ensure accountability, OMB representatives should be available to assist accounts to identify the amount of funding that is unobligated.”

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