

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

January 14, 2026

The Honorable Marco Rubio  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C St NW  
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Dear Secretary Rubio,

We write to demand answers about the ongoing and cruel waste and destruction of lifesaving U.S. taxpayer-funded contraception and other health supplies. Across this country and around the world, women and girls lack access to essential health care, including birth control. Instead of working to alleviate this crisis, the Trump Administration and State Department have taken numerous actions to deprive women worldwide the ability to plan their families and futures.

Reports from November 12, 2025, detail that four truckloads of contraceptive commodities remain in storage in Geel, Belgium, and could be immediately distributed to communities in need if the State Department reversed its decision to destroy them.<sup>1</sup> Reports also indicated that an additional twenty truckloads of U.S.-funded health supplies were moved to another facility in Kallo, Belgium, and have been rendered unusable due to improper storage conditions. It is deeply disturbing to see this scale of waste as communities around the world face empty supply shelves in health care facilities. This Administration's insistence on blocking the distribution of \$9.7 million of contraceptive supplies held in Belgium will cause an estimated 362,000 more unintended pregnancies, 110,000 more unsafe abortions, and 718 more preventable maternal deaths.<sup>2</sup>

We echo the concerns and questions raised in the July [letter](#) from over 80 members of Congress to the Acting Inspector General for the U.S. State Department, as well as those addressed to you from bipartisan Senators and from over 75 civil society organizations from around the world.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Jeanna Smialek, "As Belgium Races to Save U.S.A.I.D. Contraception, Some Supplies are Reported Ruined" *The New York Times*. November 12, 2025. <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/11/12/world/europe/belgium-usaid-contraception.html?searchResultPosition=1>

<sup>2</sup> "RH Alert: The True Cost Behind Destroying \$9.7M of Contraceptives," *Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition*. July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025. <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/11/12/world/europe/belgium-usaid-contraception.html?searchResultPosition=1>

<sup>3</sup> "Ranking Member Shaheen, Senator Murkowski Urge Secretary Rubio to Reverse State Department Decision to Destroy Family Planning Commodities Abroad." *Senate Foreign Relations Committee*, July 1, 2025. <https://www.foreign.senate.gov/press/dem/release/ranking-member-shaheen-senator-murkowski-urge-secretary-rubio-to-reverse-state-department-decision-to-destroy-family-planning-commodities-abroad>; "Senators Collins, Shaheen Urge Secretary of State to Report to Congress on Expiring and Destroyed Lifesaving Foreign Aid." *Susan Collins*. September 12, 2025. <https://www.collins.senate.gov/newsroom/senators-collins-shaheen-urge-secretary-of-state-to-report-to-congress-on-expiring-and-destroyed-lifesaving-foreign-aid>; Alejandra O'Connell-Domenech,

The destruction of contraceptives and other medical supplies is an appalling waste of taxpayer dollars and denies people lifesaving health care, part of a troubling pattern the State Department has followed—including the spoiling and subsequent incineration of 500 metric tons of emergency food the administration could have provided to hungry people.

The human toll of this Administration’s dismantling of international family planning programs is nothing short of devastating. The American people deserve to know the fate of U.S.-funded medical supplies held in Belgium—the very same types of supplies millions of people across the U.S. rely on every day to ensure their reproductive freedom—and the cost of the State Department’s actions that continue to keep lifesaving supplies from reaching communities in need.

Given these concerns, a lack of transparency, and repeated misinformation from the U.S. State Department, we respectfully request written responses to the following questions by January 31, 2026:

1. What specific supplies and in what quantities remain in the 4 truckloads stored in Geel, Belgium? Please detail the contraceptive methods that you are withholding from distribution and the total value of the commodities.
2. What specific supplies and in what quantities are in the 20 truckloads stored in Kallo, Belgium? Please detail the contraceptive methods and any other U.S.-funded health and medical supplies held in this facility and the total value of the commodities.
3. When and why were these supplies moved to Kallo, and who authorized and oversaw the transfer?
4. Are there any plans to transfer the supplies again? If so, please provide the intended destination for any supply transfers and a list of supplies intended for each subsequent destination.
5. What do you plan to do with the expired supplies? What additional costs will the U.S. taxpayer incur as a result?
6. What is the monthly cost of storing these supplies, both expired commodities and supplies still able to be distributed?
7. Prior to the decision to destroy the supplies what alternative options were considered? Please provide a copy of any documentation or records outlining the various options and an explanation of why the Department declined to pursue each of these alternative options.

While the U.S. advances unpopular attacks on birth control and wastes taxpayer dollars, women and families around the world pay the price. Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to your response.

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“Reproductive rights groups urge Trump officials to save birth control stockpile in Belgium.” *The Hill*. September 12, 2025. <https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/5501616-trump-administration-destroy-birth-control/>

Sincerely,



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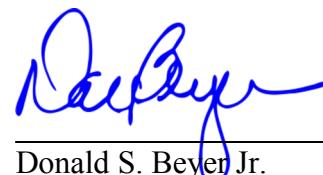
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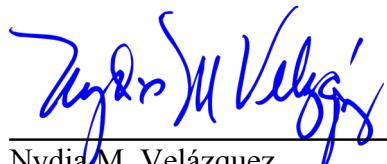
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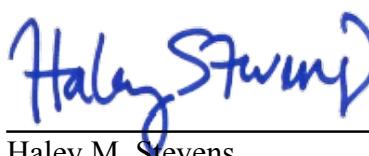
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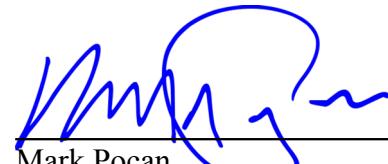
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