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RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Considering that transparency of public financial management is guarantee of institutional stability and that constant civic vigilance is essential to establish and maintain public confidence in government, whose policies and resolutions are subjected to the law and democratic values, we are addressing your office with this letter.

The present letter constitutes a formal request under the Federal Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Pursuant to the FOIA, in which I request access to and copies of:

1. The Development Objective Agreement in detail (DOAG) signed between USAID administrator Mark Green and Venezuelan Ambassador to the United States, Carlos Vecchio on October 8, 2019. According to news releases:
<https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/oct-7-2019-administrator-green-and-honorable-carlos-vecchio-ambassador-venezuela-bilateral-agreement>

In addition, and under Public Law 109 - 282 - Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, and considering that the USAID has committed more than \$277 million Outside Venezuela and more than \$158 million Inside Venezuela to support Venezuelan Human Rights defenders, civil society organizations, independent media, and electoral oversight, I request a detailed list of all “humanitarian partners” referenced in the following press releases and notes:

- <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/mar-7-2019-us-airlifts-additional-humanitarian-assistance-cucuta-help-venezuelans> (regional humanitarian partners)
- <https://www.usaid.gov/venezuela/usaaid-in-venezuela-faqs>
- <https://www.usaid.gov/crisis/venezuela-regional> (international non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and local NGOs)

The main purpose of this request is to make sure incoming aid is not diverted for corrupt purposes. Taxpayer funds are in play; therefore, we are verifying aid is going to legitimate recipients. In this manner, our request is built on the following facts:

1. Growing number of corruption scandals and allegations related to embezzlement and mismanagement of the humanitarian aid to assist Venezuelans inside and outside Venezuela.
2. The absence of a detailed report identifying both fiscal and physical addresses, as well as registration numbers, board of directors, and effective contact information of each entity that USAID supports for development of assistance programs in Venezuela mentioned and underlined in the paragraph above.

