



Multilateral Aid Review Act (H.R.4502/S.1928)

The Challenge: Providing funding for multilateral entities is an important part of the U.S. response to global issues such as food insecurity and conflict. However, the absence of a universal standard of transparency and accountability means that some investments do not make the most meaningful impact possible.

The Solution: The Multilateral Aid Review Act will create a mechanism to evaluate how well multilateral agencies carry out their missions and serve U.S. interests and taxpayers. By doing so, the legislation will strengthen U.S. aid efforts around the globe, ensuring that investments are transparent and as effective as possible in furthering U.S. foreign policy objectives.

The Multilateral Aid Review Act aims to:

- **Create a task force**, chaired by the Secretary of State, to assess 39 multilateral entities to which the U.S. government contributes funding;
- **Appoint a peer review group** to offer expertise on the funding and performance of these organizations and how well they are carrying out their missions;
- **Review cost-effectiveness** within the multilateral entities and ensure that aid is being used efficiently;
- Enforce **transparency in U.S. aid investments** through the review process; and
- Ensure aid programs are aligned with U.S. foreign policy objectives.

Other Noteworthy Facts

- S.1928 was introduced by Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN) and Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE) on Oct. 5, 2017 and passed out of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Nov. 28, 2017.
- H.R.4502 was introduced on Nov. 30, 2017 by Reps. McCaul (R-TX), Sires (D-NJ), and Yoho (R-FL).
- Sen. Coons stated, “I’ve seen real humanitarian need first-hand in places like South Sudan and northern Nigeria, and the great response from partners like the World Food Programme and the International Committee for the Red Cross. At a time when some question the value of foreign assistance, I am proud to lead this bill which will provide data to analyze the effectiveness of our investments with these agencies and others.”
- “American taxpayers deserve to know how our involvement in these organizations benefits this country,” Sen. Corker said. “Establishing an interagency review process will give us a more thorough and objective way to evaluate the performance of these institutions.”
- The U.S. provided [\\$10.49 billion](#) to multilateral organizations combined during Fiscal Year 2016.