

DOGE Cuts Are Final

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House Republicans approved a package of \$9 billion in spending cuts overnight, handing a win to President Donald Trump. Roughly \$8 billion will be pulled from US Agency for International Development (USAID) programs and another \$1.1 billion will be withdrawn from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which helps fund NPR and PBS. The measure will now head to the president's desk to be signed into law. A study published recently in The Lancet estimated that the USAID funding cuts could result in more than 14 million additional deaths by 2030. As for public broadcasting, Trump and many Republicans have long accused PBS and NPR of being "biased," but public media officials said critics distort what actually airs. Although the funding will start to dry up in the fall, some stations are already laying off staff, preparing to cut programs and searching for "new funding models."