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Dear Mr. Denale:

This is a letter of comment concerning the Notice of Public Information Collection which was republished on October 2, 2007 in the *Federal Register* (72 FR 56041-4) and which relates to collection of information in connection with a proposal by USAID to implement a "Partner Vetting System."

Action Against Hunger - USA supports the objective of seeing that USAID funds and its funded activities do not support entities or individuals associated with terrorism. However, we believe that the proposed Partner Vetting System and the proposed information collection on which it would be based is unwarranted, poorly conceived, and excessively burdensome and do not believe that it would achieve the desired objective. Rather it stands to weaken the PVO community work in the field.

To reinforce our position, Action Against Hunger - USA signs on to APVOFM letter that they sent you on December 3rd 2007.

Sincerely,

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