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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 17, 2025

Mr. DURBIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Bicycles for Rural Afri-
5 can Transport Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RURAL MOBILITY PROGRAM IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRI-**
2 **CA.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the
5 United States Agency for International Development
6 (referred to in this Act as “USAID”) shall establish
7 a rural mobility program (referred to in this section
8 as the “Program”) to carry out the purposes de-
9 scribed in paragraph (2), including through grants
10 made to eligible nongovernmental partner organiza-
11 tions. In carrying out the program, the Adminis-
12 trator shall prioritize organizations with dem-
13 onstrated success conducting rural mobility pro-
14 grams in the region.

15 (2) PURPOSE.—The Program shall focus on
16 country-driven projects within sub-Saharan Africa—

17 (A) to promote rural communities’ access
18 to critical services and opportunities, including
19 education, health care, and livelihood opportuni-
20 ties, through access to affordable, fit-for-pur-
21 pose bicycles; and

22 (B) to provide support to sustainably in-
23 crease access to critical services, such as edu-
24 cation, health care, and livelihood opportunities
25 in rural areas, including through support for
26 rural-based mechanics, access to spare parts,

1 reduction of social and gender-based stigma,
2 and community project management capacity.

3 (3) PARTNERSHIPS.—To the greatest extent
4 practicable, the Program shall partner with existing
5 entities overseas that have successful models for pro-
6 viding access to affordable bicycles to achieve devel-
7 opment objectives.

8 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
9 carry out this section, there is authorized to be ap-
10 propriated—

11 (A) \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2026;

12 (B) \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2027;

13 (C) \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2028;

14 (D) \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2029; and

15 (E) \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2030 and
16 for each fiscal year thereafter.

17 (b) REPORTS.—

18 (1) PRIOR PROJECTS.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
21 Administrator of USAID shall submit a report
22 to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
23 Senate, the Committee on Appropriations of the
24 Senate, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
25 the House of Representatives, and the Com-

1 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives regarding projects carried out by
3 USAID during each of the fiscal years 2022
4 through 2025 relating to the purposes described
5 in subsection (a)(2).

6 (B) CONTENTS.—The report required
7 under subparagraph (A) shall—

8 (i) identify the countries in which
9 USAID embedded rural bicycle mobility
10 into its strategies, programs, and projects;

11 (ii) describe the mechanisms by which
12 rural bicycle mobility was so embedded;

13 (iii) specify the number of bicycles
14 distributed each fiscal year;

15 (iv) assess the outcomes for, and the
16 impacts on, participants in such projects;
17 and

18 (v) assess USAID’s efforts to dissemi-
19 nate lessons learned from such projects.

20 (2) CURRENT PROJECTS.—Not later than De-
21 cember 30, 2026, and annually thereafter, the Ad-
22 ministrator of USAID shall submit a report to the
23 congressional committees listed in paragraph (1)(A)
24 regarding projects carried out by USAID during the
25 fiscal year immediately preceding the submission of

- 1 such report. Each such report shall include informa-
- 2 tion relating to the matters described in clauses (i)
- 3 through (v) of paragraph (1)(B).

