

AMENDMENT TO H.R. ___

OFFERED BY MR. GRIFFIN OF ARKANSAS

(Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2012)

In section 403 of the bill, after the dollar amount,
insert “(reduced by \$1,500,000)”.

At the end of title IV, add the following:

1 **SEC. 4xx. PROHIBITION ON FUNDS FOR THE TRILATERAL**
2 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) During fiscal years 2009 and 2010, the
5 United States Agency for International Development
6 provided the Government of South Africa with
7 \$2,500,000 to support the Trilateral Assistance Pro-
8 gram, a program through which the Government of
9 South Africa provides technical assistance to third
10 countries in Africa.

11 (2) \$1,500,000 was requested for fiscal year
12 2011 and \$1,530,000 has been requested for fiscal
13 year 2012.

14 (3) South Africa has been recognized, along
15 with Brazil, Russia, India, and China, as having one

1 of the world's largest, rapidly growing economies
2 and has become a donor nation.

3 (4) Further, while South Africa still faces enor-
4 mous development challenges, including one of the
5 highest HIV/AIDS infections rates in the world, this
6 funding is not used to support development pro-
7 grams within South Africa.

8 (5) Using the Government of South Africa as a
9 pass-through for foreign assistance made available
10 through the generosity of the American taxpayer di-
11 minishes the public diplomacy value of this assist-
12 ance for the United States, while enhancing South
13 Africa's own standing in the region.

14 (6) In a time of domestic financial crisis, con-
15 tinued support for the Trilateral Assistance Program
16 cannot continue.

17 (b) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds authorized to
18 be appropriated under section 403 may be used to support
19 the Trilateral Assistance Program in South Africa.

