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Scoop: Senate Dems plot USAID revenge on Trump



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Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer speaks at a press conference in Washington on Feb. 3, 2025. Photo by Nathan Posner/Anadolu via Getty Images

Senate Democrats are privately eyeing delays on all Trump nominees as retaliation for his [restructuring of USAID](#), Axios has learned.

Why it matters: This would go beyond the "[blanket hold](#)" that Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) has placed on State Department nominees. Democrats are [furious at Trump's actions](#), and want to signal a strong response.

- Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) told Axios on Tuesday that he's willing to place holds on Trump nominees on the Senate Judiciary Committee.
- Blumenthal said the caucus is proceeding as if there is a blanket hold on Trump nominations.



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