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Vermont Congressman Peter Welch is leading an effort to stop Afghanistan from assessing taxes on American aid.

Even as the U.S. is preparing to end its decade-long military mission, billions of dollars in aid continue to be poured into the country for rebuilding and development.

The Afghan government has been sending tax bills to U.S. contractors working in the country, even threatening arrest if the contractors refuse to pay.

Welch calls that "absurd," and he has authored a bill that would bar future assistance to the Afghans unless the American contracts are exempt from taxation.

Welch's bill is scheduled for floor action in the House tomorrow.