Oregon Senator Ron Wyden  
Democrat (@RonWyden)  
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
202-224-5244  
Oregon Current Volunteers: 0 (159 pre-evacuation)  
(Oregon Volunteers in 1966: 241)  
Oregon Volunteers Since 1961: 6,565

Began Service in the Senate: 1980

State Offices: Bend, Eugene, La Grande, Medford, Portland, Salem

Committee Assignments:  Budget; Energy and Natural Resources; Finance; Intelligence;  
Joint committee on Taxation

Senator Wyden sits on the Budget Committee, which puts forth a budget blueprint each year  
for federal spending, including proposed funding levels for international affairs programs.

Key Staff: Ben Widness (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community  (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):  
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2011*  
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (www.wyden.senate.gov):

Wyden began college at the University of California-Santa Barbara where he won a  
basketball scholarship and played in Division I competition for two seasons before  
transferring to Stanford University where he completed his Bachelors degree with distinction.  
He earned his law degree from the University of Oregon School of Law in 1974, after which  
he taught gerontology and co-founded the Oregon chapter of the Grey Panthers, an  
advocacy group for the elderly.  He also served as the director of Oregon Legal Services for  
the Elderly from 1977 to 1979 and was a member of the Oregon State Board of Examiners of  
Nursing Home Administrators during that same period. He served in the U.S. House of  
Representatives from 1981 until his election to the U.S. Senate.

(concerning foreign affairs): He has been an advocate for human rights throughout the globe  
and has recently called on the U.S. State Department to cease selling arms to the Kingdom  
of Bahrain until their human rights abuses end.
(Senator Ron Wyden)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2006-2009: NO
  2010-2020: YES

International Affairs Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding
  2017, 2018, 2019: YES
  2020 (COVID-19 International Response): YES

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation

● S. 3700 - 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

CORPS Act (S. 3964)
(Expand COVID-19 National Service Response Positions - Including Priority Preference for Evacuees)

● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Peace Corps Mission Accountability Act (S.2320) - Legislation opposed by NPCA

● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Reform Act of 2018 (S. 2286)
(signed into law in 2018)

● 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (S. 2291)

● 113th Congress (2013-14): Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (S. 230)
(Signed into law 2014)

● 112th Congress (2011-12): CO-SPONSOR
● 113th Congress (2013-14): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
(Signed into law in 2011)

● 112th Congress (2011-12): CO-SPONSOR
● Senator Wyden also signed a 2014 letter urging U.S. law enforcement to assist with
  the Kate Puzey murder investigation.

Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act

● 111th Congress (2009-10): Did not co-sponsor

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As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Merkley plays an important role in determining how much funding is allocated for various federal programs. He is also a member of the State/Foreign Operations Subcommittee, which has direct jurisdiction over Peace Corps funding.

Senator Merkley also sits on the Foreign Relations Committee, which has jurisdiction over most Peace Corps related legislation.

Key Staff: Matt Squeri (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2011*, 2012*, 2016*, 2018*
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (www.merkley.senate.gov):
Merkley’s public service began as a 19-year-old intern with Oregon’s former Senator, Mark O. Hatfield...he would return to the Senate 33 years later to represent Oregon in Hatfield’s former seat. In 1991 Merkley returned to Oregon to lead Portland’s Habitat for Humanity.

(concerning foreign aid): there are three interrelated plagues that are affecting third world nations: malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV/AIDS. Senator Merkley wants to increase access to safe and affordable generic drugs to treat HIV/AIDS in developing countries and supports the President’s Emergency Program for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). Strengthening developing countries health infrastructure, investing in clean water, and meeting the Millennium Development Goals are also steps that need to be taken to alleviate global health diseases.
(Senator Jeff Merkley)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding
  2009, 2014: NO

International Affairs Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding

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Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
(Signed into law in 2011)
● 112th Congress (2011-12): CO-SPONSOR

Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act
(Not signed into law)
● 111th Congress (2009-10): Did not co-sponsor

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Oregon Representative Suzanne Bonamici
Democrat—1st District (@RepBonamici)

2231 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-0855

Oregon Current Volunteers: 0 (159 pre-evacuation)
(Oregon Volunteers in 1966: 241)
Volunteers in the 1st District as of September 2016: 54
Oregon Volunteers Since 1961: 6,565

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2012

District Offices: Beaverton

Committee Assignments: Education and the Workforce; Science, Space and Technology

Key Staff: Jack Arriaga (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2012
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2016, 2018
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (www.bonamici.house.gov):

Suzanne first moved to Oregon from Michigan in the mid-1970s. She worked her way through college in Eugene, first at Lane Community College, where she earned an Associate Degree from the Legal Assistant program, and then at the University of Oregon, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts from the School of Journalism. In 1983, she received her J.D. from the University of Oregon School Of Law. During college and law school, Suzanne worked at Lane County Legal Aid Service.

After law school, Suzanne was an attorney for the Federal Trade Commission in Washington D.C., where she was in the Credit Practices Division of the Bureau of Consumer Protection.

(concerning foreign affairs): It is critical that we maintain America’s role as a leader in the international community. The use of force should always be a last resort and diplomacy must be emphasized in all of our relationships around the world. As a member of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, I understand the importance of working with other countries to find peaceful solutions wherever possible, maintaining a focus on diplomacy, democracy, human rights, and development.

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On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2012-2020: YES
● 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: NO (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

Peace Corps Caucus

● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a member
● 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not join
● 2013-2016: Did not join

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 6118)

● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)

● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
● 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
● 2013-2016: Did not co-sponsor

Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)

(Signed into law in 2018)

● 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
● 114th Congress (2015-16): Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)

● 113th Congress (2013-2014): CO-SPONSOR

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)

(Signed into law in 2014)

● 113th Congress (2013-14): Did not co-sponsor
● 1/13/14 House Vote to Support Commemorative (passed 387 – 7) YES

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011

(Signed into law in 2011)

● 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A

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Oregon Representative Greg Walden
Republican—2nd District (@repgregwalden)

2185 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-6730

Oregon Current Volunteers: 0 (159 pre-evacuation)
(Oregon Volunteers in 1966: 241)
Volunteers in the 2nd District as of September 2016: 21
Oregon Volunteers Since 1961: 6,565

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1999

District Offices: Bend, La Grande, Medford

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce

Key Staff: Morgan Murphy (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2016*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2011, 2012, 2017, 2018
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (www.walden.house.gov):

Representative Walden graduated from the University of Oregon. His experience as a former member of the Hood River Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees and as a former member of the Oregon Health Sciences University Foundation Board have helped in his work to improve access to affordable health care, especially in rural communities. His successful efforts have earned him national and local awards.
(Representative Greg Walden)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Co-Sponsored Peace Corps Funding Legislation: 2008, 2009: NO
- 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: NO (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

Peace Corps Caucus

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a member
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not join
- 2013-2016: Did not join

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 6118)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
- 2013-2016: Did not co-sponsor

Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)
(Signed into law in 2018)

- 115th Congress (2017-18): CO-SPONSOR
- 114th Congress (2015-16): CO-SPONSOR

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)

- 113th Congress (2013-2014): Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
(Signed into law in 2014)

- 111th Congress (2009-10): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation
- 112th Congress (2011-12): Did not co-sponsor
- 113th Congress (2013-14): Did not co-sponsor
- 1/13/14 House Vote to Support Commemorative (passed 387 – 7) YES

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
(Signed into law in 2011)

- 112th Congress (2011-12): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation

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Oregon Representative Earl Blumenauer
Democrat—3rd District (@BlumenauerMedia)

1111 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-4811

Oregon Current Volunteers: 0 (159 pre-evacuation)
(Oregon Volunteers in 1966: 241)
Volunteers in the 3rd District as of September 2016: 39
Oregon Volunteers Since 1961: 6,565

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1996

District Offices: Portland

Committee Assignments: Ways and Means

Key Staff: Martha Cramer (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2011*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2006, 2014, 2016*, 2018
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (www.blumenauer.house.gov):
While still a student at Lewis and Clark College, he spearheaded the effort to lower the voting age both in Oregon and at the national level. He was elected to the Oregon Legislature in 1972, where he served three terms and Chaired the House Education and Revenue Committee in 1977-78. In 1978, he was elected to the Multnomah County Commission, where he served for eight years before being elected to the Portland City Council in 1986. There, his 10-year tenure as the Commissioner of Public Works demonstrated his leadership on the innovative accomplishments in transportation, planning, environmental programs and public participation that have helped Portland earn an international reputation as one of America’s most livable cities.

(concerning foreign affairs): The fight to end global poverty is one the most important moral challenges of our times and Congressman Blumenauer is a champion in this effort. He regularly leads the fight for aid, trade, and debt relief policies that support poor people struggling to lift their communities out of poverty.

On the House Floor: (Excerpt February 26, 2009) “As the proud father of a Peace Corps volunteer, I know what was true in 1961 is true today; Peace Corps Volunteers are an outstanding group of men and women serving the cause of humanity across the globe.”

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(Representative Earl Blumenauer)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2005: NO  2006-2020: YES

- Co-Sponsored Peace Corps Funding Legislation:
  2008: YES  2009: NO
  6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: NO (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

Peace Corps Caucus

- 115th Congress (2017-18): MEMBER
- 2013-2016: MEMBER

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 6118)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-2018): Did not co-sponsor
- 2013-2016: Did not co-sponsor

Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)
(Signed into law in 2018)

- 115th Congress (2017-18): CO-SPONSOR
- 114th Congress (2015-16): CO-SPONSOR

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)


Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
(Signed into law for 2014)

- 111th Congress (2009-10): CO-SPONSOR
- 112th Congress (2011-12): CO-SPONSOR
- 113th Congress (2013-14): Did not co-sponsor
- 1/13/14 House Vote to Support Commemorative (passed 387 – 7) YES

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
(Signed into law in 2011)

- 112th Congress (2011-12): CO-SPONSOR

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Oregon Representative Peter DeFazio
Democrat—4th District (@RepPeterDeFazio)

2134 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-6416

Oregon Current Volunteers: 0 (159 pre-evacuation)
(Oregon Volunteers in 1966: 241)
Volunteers in the 4th District as of September 2016: 31
Oregon Volunteers Since 1961: 6,565

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1987

District Offices: Coos Bay, Eugene, Roseburg

Committee Assignments: Transportation and Infrastructure

Key Staff: Bobby Puckett (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
  ● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2011*
  ● DC Meetings With Staff: 2016
  ● District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (www.defazio.house.gov):

DeFazio and his wife, Myrnie Daut, live in Springfield, Oregon. He has logged over three million miles traveling between Oregon and Washington, DC. DeFazio has refused to accept congressional pay raises while the government is deficit spending, and has linked his pay to Social Security cost-of-living adjustments. Instead, he has used his pay raises to reduce the national debt and to fund scholarships at five southwestern Oregon community colleges; by the end of 2013, DeFazio will have contributed $363,000 of after-tax salary toward 227 scholarships and debt reduction.
(Representative Peter DeFazio)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2005-2010: NO  
  2011-2020: YES
- Co-Sponsored Peace Corps Funding Legislation:
  2008, 2009: NO
- 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: NO (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

Peace Corps Caucus

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a member
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not join
- 114th Congress (2015-16): Did not join
- 113th Congress (2013-14): MEMBER

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 6118)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
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Other

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Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
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- 111th Congress (2009-10): CO-SPONSOR
- 112th Congress (2011-12): CO-SPONSOR
- 113th Congress (2013-14): Did not co-sponsor
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Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
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- 112th Congress (2011-12): CO-SPONSOR

Representative DeFazio also signed a 2014 letter to federal authorities urging more involvement in the investigation of the death of Peace Corps Volunteer Kate Puzey.

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Oregon Representative Kurt Schrader
Democrat—5th District (@RepSchrader)

2431 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-5711

Oregon Current Volunteers: 0 (159 pre-evacuation)
(Oregon Volunteers in 1966: 241)
Volunteers in the 5th District as of September 2016: 11
Oregon Volunteers Since 1961: 6,565

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2009

District Offices: Oregon City, Salem

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce

Key Staff: Zach Stokes (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2011*
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (www.schrader.house.gov):

Before being elected to Congress Schrader, a farmer and veterinarian for more than thirty years, established and managed the Clackamas County Veterinary Clinic in Oregon City and operated his farm where he grew and sold organic fruit and vegetables.

Congressman Schrader attended Cornell University where he received his BA in Government in 1973. He received his veterinary degree from the University of Illinois in 1977.
(Representative Kurt Schrader)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: 2009-2020: NO
- Co-Sponsored Peace Corps Funding Legislation: 2009: NO
- 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: NO (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

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