New Jersey Senator Cory Booker
Democrat (@CoryBooker)

717 Hart Senate Office Building
202-224-3224

New Jersey Current Volunteers: 0 (164 pre-evacuation)
(New Jersey Volunteers in 1967: 440)
New Jersey Volunteers Since 1961: 5,401

Began Service in the Senate: 2013

State Offices: Camden; Newark

Committee Assignments: Small Business; Environment and Public Works; Judiciary; Foreign Relations

Senator Booker sits on the Foreign Relations Committee, which has jurisdiction over most Peace Corps legislation. He also sits on the subcommittee that works directly on Peace Corps matters

Key Staff: Sophia Lalani (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2020*
- District Office Meetings: 2020*

From the Website (http://www.booker.senate.gov/about.cfm)

Booker earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Stanford, where he played for the Stanford football team. He also ran a crisis hotline for students and worked with disadvantaged youth in East Palo Alto. Booker then attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar where he ran a student tutoring and mentoring program in a disadvantaged community and served as president of the Oxford L'Chaim Society. Booker earned his juris doctor from Yale Law School, where he helped lead free legal clinics for New Haven residents. After moving to Newark, Booker lived for eight years in Brick Towers, a public housing complex. He now lives in Newark's Central Ward community.

When Booker came into office as mayor of Newark in 2006, he won with the largest margin ever recorded in a contested Newark election and immediately began uniting people to tackle problems that had been plaguing Newark for decades. Violent crime was rising; businesses were leaving Newark; its tax base was shrinking, and the city's finances were in shambles. Today, Newark is in the midst of its biggest period of economic growth since the 1960s.
(Senator Cory Booker)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding:
● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding
  2014, 2019, 2020: YES
  2016, 2017, 2018: NO

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

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): 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): N/A
● 113th Congress (2013-14): N/A

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
(Signed into law in 2011)
● 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A
● Senator Booker also signed a 2014 letter urging U.S. law enforcement to assist with the Kate Puzey murder investigation.

Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act
(Not signed into law)
● 111th Congress (2009-10): N/A
New Jersey Senator Robert Menendez
Democrat (@SenatorMenendez)

528 Hart Senate Office Building
202-224-4744

New Jersey Current Volunteers: 0 (164 pre-evacuation)
(New Jersey Volunteers in 1967: 440)
New Jersey Volunteers Since 1961: 5,401

Began Service in the Senate: 2006

State Offices: Barrington, Newark

Committee Assignments: Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Finance; Foreign Relations

Senator Menendez is a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, which has jurisdiction over most Peace Corps legislation. He serves as the Ranking Democrat on the committee.

Key Staff: Sarah Arkin (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.menendez.senate.gov):

Bob was born on New Year's Day, 1954. He received his B.A. from St. Peter's College in Jersey City and his law degree from Rutgers University. He currently lives in North Bergen and has two children, Alicia and Robert.

His first book, Growing American Roots, examines the deep influence of the Latino population on American society. Bob offers his unique perspective as one of only two Latino members of the Senate, and lays out his vision for how the Latino community can help America prosper.
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2006: NO

International Affairs Funding
● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding
  2017: YES
  2018, 2019: NO
  2020 (COVID-19 International Response): NO

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation
● S. 3700 - 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

CORPS Act (S. 3964)
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● 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): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation
● 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 Menendez also signed a 2014 letter urging U.S. law enforcement to assist with the Kate Puzey murder investigation.

Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act
(Not signed into law)
● 111th Congress (2009-10): Did not co-sponsor
New Jersey Representative Donald Norcross
Democrat—1st District (@DonaldNorcross)

2437 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-6501

New Jersey Current Volunteers: 0 (164 pre-evacuation)
(New Jersey Volunteers in 1967: 440)
Volunteers in the 1st District as of September 2016: 17
New Jersey Volunteers Since 1961: 5,401

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2015

District Offices: Cherry Hill

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Education and the Workforce

Key Staff: Alexander Krupnick (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2015, 2019, 2020*
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (http://norcross.house.gov):

Donald previously served in both the New Jersey General Assembly and State Senate where he developed a reputation as an effective, bipartisan reformer. Among his accomplishments, he championed a groundbreaking effort to improve the region’s economic competitiveness and bring new, family-sustaining jobs to our region.

Congressman Norcross has been active in a number of community service organizations, such as the Camden County United Way where he once served as chairman and the Home Port Alliance, which was instrumental in bringing the Battleship New Jersey to Camden’s Waterfront. Donald also previously ran a non-profit organization that connected local families with community resources, built wheelchair ramps for seniors and disabled veterans, and offered job training for local residents.

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(Representative Donald Norcross)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding:

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2015-2016, 2020: NO
  2017-2019: 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
- 114th Congress (2015-16): 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
- 114th Congress (2015-16): Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Stamp Act (HR 325)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
- 114th Congress (2015-16) 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 Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
  (Signed into law in 2014)
  (Not Applicable)

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
  (Signed into law in 2011)
  (Not Applicable)
New Jersey Representative
Jeff Van Drew
Republican—2nd District (@congressmanjvd)

331 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-6572

New Jersey Current Volunteers: 0 (164 pre-evacuation)
(New Jersey Volunteers in 1967: 440)
Volunteers in the 2nd District as of September 2016: 6
New Jersey Volunteers Since 1961: 5,401

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Mays Landing

Committee Assignments: Agriculture; Natural Resources

Key Staff: Haddon Antonucci (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2020*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2019
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (https://www.vandrewforcongress.com):
He is the second Democratic state senator from the county in the state’s history and the only one reelected. Dr. Van Drew also previously served as mayor of his community of Dennis Township. He was recognized by state leaders of both parties for holding the line on property taxes. In several legislative sessions, Dr. Van Drew earned the distinction of having more bills signed into law than any other legislator in New Jersey. His major victories include his work to end the danger and fatalities of the last three traffic lights on the Garden State Parkway by getting them removed from exits 9, 10 and 11, as well as the reconfiguration of exit 0 and the construction of the new bridge between Cape May and Atlantic counties. He saved 1,500 jobs from state budget cuts at the Vineland Developmental Center in Cumberland County. He sponsored several groundbreaking measures to make sure New Jersey children with dyslexia and other reading disabilities receive the instruction they need to succeed. He successfully opposed the diversion of funding for the Vineland Veterans Home in the state budget, and preserved transportation funds for our veterans to see their own doctors without added costs. He is the sponsor of many of the state’s open space and farmland preservation laws, as well as several measures to protect New Jersey’s native diamondback terrapins from being run over or caught.
(Representative Jeff Van Drew)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
● 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): N/A

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): CO-SPONSOR
● 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A

Peace Corps Stamp Act (HR 325)
● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
● 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A

Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)
(Signed into law in 2018)
● 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A
● 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)
● 113th Congress (2013-2014): N/A

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
(Signed into law in 2014)
● 113th Congress (2013-14): N/A

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

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New Jersey Representative Andy Kim
Democrat—3rd District (@RepAndyKimNJ)

1516 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-4765

New Jersey Current Volunteers: 0 (164 pre-evacuation)
(New Jersey Volunteers in 1967: 440)
Volunteers in the 3rd District as of September 2016: 17
New Jersey Volunteers Since 1961: 5,401

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Marlton, Toms River, Willingboro

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Small Business

Key Staff: Tom Smith (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2019, 2020*
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (andykimforcongress.com):

My parents chose to raise me and my sister in south Jersey because they believed the top notch public school system would give us opportunities to succeed. I did my entire Kindergarten through 12 in the public schools here, and that education helped me become a Rhodes Scholar and a leading national security expert.

New Jersey gave my family the opportunity to achieve the American dream, but now I worry those same opportunities won’t be there for my two baby boys who I’m raising.

There is nothing I’d rather do than serve my country. I believe that service isn’t just a job, it is a way of life. I dedicated my entire career to serving the American people. I worked at the White House on countering terrorism and protecting our country, advised the Secretary of Defense and the Pentagon on national security and I served in Afghanistan as a strategic adviser to Generals David Petraeus and John Allen. I worked under both Democratic and Republican Administrations and I have always and always will put the nation and the American people above partisan politics.

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Representative Andy Kim

On the Issues

**Peace Corps Funding:**
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  - 2019, 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): N/A

**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): N/A

**Peace Corps Stamp Act (HR 325)**
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A

**Other**

**Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)**
- (Signed into law in 2018)
  - 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A
  - 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A

**Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)**
- (Signed into law in 2014)
  - (Not Applicable)

**Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011**
- (Signed into law in 2011)
  - (Not Applicable)
New Jersey Representative Chris Smith
Republican—4th District (@RepChrisSmith)

2373 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-3765

New Jersey Current Volunteers: 0 (164 pre-evacuation)
(New Jersey Volunteers in 1967: 440)
Volunteers in the 4th District as of September 2016: 21
New Jersey Volunteers Since 1961: 5,401

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1981

District Offices: Monmouth County (Freehold), Mercer County (Hamilton), Ocean County (Plumsted)

Committee Assignments: Foreign Affairs

Congressman Smith sits on the Foreign Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over most Peace Corps legislation.

Key Staff: Piero Tozzi (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2007, 2017, 2019, 2020*
- District Office Meetings: 2013* (w/ Smith)

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

A lifelong New Jerseyan, Congressman Smith graduated from The College of New Jersey with a degree in business administration. Prior to being elected to Congress, he helped run a small business-- his family's wholesale sporting goods corporation. He is also the former Executive Director of the New Jersey Right to Life Committee.
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on 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
- 114th Congress (2015-16): Did not co-sponsor
- 113th Congress (2013-14): 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): 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): 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
New Jersey Representative
Josh Gottheimer
Democrat—5th District (@RepJoshG)

213 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-4465

New Jersey Current Volunteers: 0 (164 pre-evacuation)
(New Jersey Volunteers in 1967: 440)
Volunteers in the 5th District as of September 2016: 24
New Jersey Volunteers Since 1961: 5,401

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: Glen Rock, Newton

Committee Assignments: Financial Services

Key Staff: Daniel Marrow (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2019*, 2020*
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (http://gottheimer.house.gov/biography/)
Josh was raised in North Caldwell, the son of a preschool teacher and a small business owner. Growing up, Josh worked in his father's store and, like your average New Jersey kid, treasured summer vacations at the Jersey Shore. His first concert was at the Meadowlands to see the one and only Bruce Springsteen!

Josh graduated from West Essex High School before attending the University of Pennsylvania, later becoming a Thouron Fellow at Oxford, and then paid his way through Harvard Law School. After finishing college, Josh went on to work in the Clinton White House as one of the youngest presidential speechwriters in history.

After leaving the White House, Josh worked at the Ford Motor Company, where he helped rebuild the iconic auto company’s image and worked on the first American hybrid.. Before running for Congress, Josh worked at Microsoft as General Manager for Corporate Strategy. Josh now lives in Wyckoff, New Jersey with Marla, his wife who was a federal prosecutor, and their two young children, Ellie and Ben.

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(Representative Josh Gottheimer)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2017, 2018: NO         2019, 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 co-sponsor
● 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not join
● 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A

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
● 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A

Peace Corps Stamp Act (HR 325)
● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
● 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
● 114th Congress (2015-16) N/A

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): N/A
New Jersey Representative Frank Pallone
Democrat—6th District (@FrankPallone)

2107 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-4671

New Jersey Current Volunteers: 0 (164 pre-evacuation)
(New Jersey Volunteers in 1967: 440)
Volunteers in the 6th District as of September 2016: 11
New Jersey Volunteers Since 1961: 5,401

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1988

District Offices: Long Branch, New Brunswick

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce (Ranking Member)

Key Staff: James Johnson (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2010*-2012*, 2016
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Frank Pallone, Jr., was born on October 30, 1951, in Long Branch, New Jersey, where he grew up and still resides. The son of a policeman, Pallone attended local public schools and earned an academic scholarship to Middlebury College. After graduating cum laude from Middlebury in 1973, Pallone received his master's degree in international relations at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He earned his law degree at Rutgers University in 1978, and has been admitted to the bar in four states: New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Florida.
(Representative Frank Pallone)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
● 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
● 116th Congress (2019-2020): MEMBER
● 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): CO-SPONSOR
● 115th Congress (2017-18): 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): 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)
● 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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I was born in Communist Poland at the height of the Cold War, where I lived with my mother until I was 6 years old. One of my earliest memories is of my mom paying off a corrupt official to get the passports that would allow us to come to America. As young as I was, I understood I was living in a place where some people had all the power and could do whatever they pleased to people who had none. That’s a feeling I’ve never forgotten.

I had the chance to serve President Clinton on his National Security Council working to end some of the 20th Century’s bloodiest humanitarian crises. As the chief advocate for Human Rights Watch, I led a bipartisan effort to end the Bush Administration’s use of torture. Most recently, as an Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor under President Obama, I helped lead our global fight to defend the human rights of women and LGBTQ people, to protect workers in our trade agreements, to safeguard our privacy on the internet, to root out corruption, and to stand up to dictators like Putin and Kim Jong-Un.
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2019, 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): N/A

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): N/A

Peace Corps Stamp Act (HR 325)
● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
● 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A

Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)
  (Signed into law in 2018)
● 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A
● 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)
● 113th Congress (2013-2014): N/A

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
● 113th Congress (2013-14): N/A

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
● 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A
New Jersey Representative Albio Sires
Democrat—8th District (@RepSires)

2268 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-7919

New Jersey Current Volunteers: 0 (164 pre-evacuation)
(New Jersey Volunteers in 1967: 440)
Volunteers in the 8th District as of September 2016: 10
New Jersey Volunteers Since 1961: 5,401

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2006

District Offices: Jersey City, Elizabeth, West New York

Committee Assignments: Foreign Affairs, Transportation

Congressman Sires sits on the Foreign Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over most Peace Corps legislation.

Key Staff: Clare Plassche (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

Born in the Cuban town of Bejucal, he grew up in the waning years of pre-Communist Cuba. His family fled in January 1962 with the help of relatives in America. Congressman Sires became a star basketball player at Memorial High School and received a four-year basketball scholarship from St. Peter's College. He went on to receive a Masters Degree from Middlebury College in Vermont.
(Representative Albio Sires)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:

- Co-Sponsored Peace Corps Funding Legislation:
  2008: NO
  2009: 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

- 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)


Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

- 115th Congress (2017-18): LEAD SPONSOR
- 2013-2016: LEAD 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): 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): CO-SPONSOR
- 113th Congress (2013-14): Did not co-sponsor
- 1/13/14 House Vote to Support Commemorative (passed 387 – 7) Did not vote

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

- 112th Congress (2011-12): CO-SPONSOR
- Representative Sires also signed a 2014 letter to federal authorities urging more involvement in the investigation of the death of Peace Corps Volunteer Kate Puzey
New Jersey Representative
Bill Pascrell Jr.
Democrat—9th District (@BillPascrell)

2409 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-5751

New Jersey Current Volunteers: 0 (164 pre-evacuation)
(New Jersey Volunteers in 1967: 440)
Volunteers in the 9th District as of September 2016: 10
New Jersey Volunteers Since 1961: 5,401

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1997

District Offices: Englewood, Lyndhurst, Passaic, Paterson

Committee Assignments: Ways and Means

Key Staff: Dylan Sodaro (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2008
- District Office Meetings: None

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

After earning a bachelor’s degree in journalism and a master’s degree in philosophy from Fordham University in the Bronx, N.Y., Bill worked as both a high school history teacher and an adjunct professor. He also served as president of the Paterson Board of Education and as a member of Passaic County Community College’s Board of Trustees.

Bill served his country in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Army Reserve and received an honorable discharge in 1967.

Bill’s political life began in 1987 when he was elected to the New Jersey General Assembly, where he eventually became Minority Leader Pro Tempore. In 1990, Bill was elected mayor of Paterson, New Jersey’s third largest city. Bill’s efforts, both as a Mayor and Assemblyman, were recognized in 1996 as he was named New Jersey’s "Mayor of the Year" by his fellow Mayors, and "Legislator of the Year" by the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce.
(Representative Bill Pascrell, Jr.)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on 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): 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
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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)

● 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

www.peacecorpsconnect.org  Updated August 2020
New Jersey Representative Donald Payne Jr. Democrat—10th District (@RepDonaldPayne)

103 Cannon House Office Building  
202-225-3436

New Jersey Current Volunteers: 0 (164 pre-evacuation)  
(New Jersey Volunteers in 1967: 440)  
Volunteers in the 10th District as of September 2016: 9  
New Jersey Volunteers Since 1961: 5,401

Began Service in the House:  2013

District Offices:  Jersey City, Newark

Committee Assignments:  Homeland Security; Transportation

Key Staff:  Ruben Goddard (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2014*
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Born December 17, 1958, Payne lives in Newark with his wife Beatrice where they raise their 13-year-old triplets, Donald III, Jack, and Yvonne.

Payne began his long career in public service when he founded Newark South Ward Junior Democrats, becoming its first president. Payne later attended Kean College (now Kean University) where he studied graphic arts and served as an advisor to the YMCA Youth in Government programs.
(Representative Donald Payne, Jr.)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2013, 2015, 2016-2020: YES
  2014: 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)


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

Peace Corps Stamp Act (HR 325)

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

Other

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(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): Did not 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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New Jersey Representative
Mikie Sherrill
Democrat—11th District (@RepSherrill)

1208 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-5034

New Jersey Current Volunteers: 0 (164 pre-evacuation)
(New Jersey Volunteers in 1967: 440)
Volunteers in the 11th District as of September 2016: 19
New Jersey Volunteers Since 1961: 5,401

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Parsippany

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Science Space and Technology

Key Staff: Shaeffer Bagwell  (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2019, 2020*
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (https://www.mikiesherrill.com/):

As a Naval Academy graduate, a Navy helicopter pilot, and a federal prosecutor, Mikie Sherrill has a record of getting things done. Mikie is running to bring new leadership to Congress at a time when we need our leaders to come together to solve challenges and create opportunities for the people of New Jersey.

Mikie attended law school, earning a degree from Georgetown University. She worked as a lawyer and eventually joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office in New Jersey. As an Outreach and Re-entry Coordinator, Mikie developed programs to help prevent crime in the community. These programs developed trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve, and helped people leaving prison to gain employment, housing, and education in order to restart their lives. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Mikie worked to keep illegal guns off our streets and keep our communities safe. She prosecuted federal cases and advised law enforcement on investigations.
(Representative Mikie Sherrill)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2019: YES
  2020: 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): N/A

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)


Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A

Peace Corps Stamp Act (HR 325)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A

Other

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Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)

(Signed into law in 2014)

- 113th Congress (2013-14): N/A

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011

(Signed into law in 2011)

- 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A
New Jersey Representative
Bonnie Watson Coleman
Democrat—12th District (@RepBWColeman)

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202-225-5801

New Jersey Current Volunteers: 0 (164 pre-evacuation)
(New Jersey Volunteers in 1967: 440)
Volunteers in the 12th District as of September 2016: 14
New Jersey Volunteers Since 1961: 5,401

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2015

District Offices: Ewing

Committee Assignments: Homeland Security; Appropriations

Key Staff: Kevin Block (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2020*
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (http://www.bonnieforcongress.com):

Bonnie is a graduate of Thomas Edison State College and a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority, an active honorary member of the Girl Scouts of America and a Deaconess at Shiloh Baptist Church in Trenton, N.J.

As Majority Leader of the New Jersey General Assembly, and as the first African American woman to serve as Chair of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee, Bonnie was on the front lines in the fight to increase the minimum wage, to pass the Paid Family Leave Act and to create the Office of the Comptroller to battle waste, fraud and abuse in government. She sponsored legislation to provide victims of identity theft with a legal mechanism to clear their names and continues to fight for the restoration of critical women’s health care funding, advocates for gun safety laws to keep our streets and children safe. She also worked to extend Urban Enterprise Zones and helped implement New Jersey’s Economic Opportunity Act to create jobs for New Jersey’s working families.
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding:
● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2015-2019: YES
  2020: 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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