Virginia Senator Timothy Kaine  
Democrat (@timkaine)  
231 Russell Senate Office Building  
202-224-4024  
Virginia Current Volunteers: 0 (326 pre-evacuation)  
Virginia Volunteers Since 1961: 8,315

Began Service in the Senate: 2013

District Offices: Danville, Abingdon, Richmond, Virginia Beach, Roanoke, Manassas

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Budget

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

Senator Kaine also 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: Guy Mentel (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2013, 2016*
- District Office Meetings: None

In 2013, Senator Kaine met with NPCA leadership and Dr. Mohammud Said, winner of NPCA’s Harris Wofford Global Leadership Award.

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

Tim grew up in Kansas City and graduated from the University of Missouri and Harvard Law School. Tim began his public service career when he took a year off from law school to work with Jesuit missionaries in Honduras. After finishing law school, Tim practiced law for 18 years, specializing in representing people who had been denied housing due to their race or disability. He also began teaching at the University of Richmond, an association that continues to this day. Kaine’s family is active in their church and spends all the time they can camping, hiking, canoeing and biking in Virginia’s outdoors.

Relevant Quote:
“America’s strength in the world is best expressed when we balance military strength, economic strength, diplomatic strength, and strength of our moral example. We must use each of these levers as we deal with a complex and changing international scene.”

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(Senator Timothy Kaine)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
- Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: N/A
- 2014, 2016-2020: YES

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

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation

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): N/A
- 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): N/A

Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act
(Not signed into law)
- 111th Congress (2009-10): N/A

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Virginia Senator Mark Warner  
Democrat (@MarkWarner)  
703 Hart Senate Office Building  
202-224-2023  
Virginia Current Volunteers: 0 (326 pre-evacuation)  
Virginia Volunteers Since 1961: 8,315

Began Service in the Senate: 2009

State Offices: Abingdon, Norfolk, Richmond, Roanoke, Vienna

Committee Assignments: Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; Finance; Budget; Rules; Intelligence

Senator Warner 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: Caroline Wadhams (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.warner.senate.gov):

Before entering public office, Senator Warner was an early investor in the cellular telephone business. He co-founded the company that became Nextel, and ultimately made early investments in hundreds of start-up technology companies that have created tens-of-thousands of private sector jobs.

From 2002 to 2006, Senator Warner served as Governor of Virginia, where he worked in a bipartisan way to turn record budget deficits into a surplus.
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding:

- Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding

International Affairs Funding

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

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


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): 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): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation
- Senator Warner 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

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Virginia Representative Rob Wittman
Republican—1st District (@RobWittman)

2055 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-4261

Virginia Current Volunteers: 0 (326 pre-evacuation)
Volunteers in the 1st District as of September 2016: 41
Virginia Volunteers Since 1961: 8,315

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2007

District Offices: Stafford; Tappahannock, Yorktown

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Natural Resources

Key Staff: Max Huntley (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2011*, 2012, 2016, 2019, 2020*
- District Office Meetings: 2019*

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

Prior to his election to Congress, Rob spent 26 years working in state government, most recently as Field Director for the Virginia Health Department's Division of Shellfish Sanitation. Earlier, he worked for many years as an environmental health specialist for local health departments in Virginia's Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula regions.

He holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University, a Master of Public Health degree in Health Policy and Administration from the University of North Carolina, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Virginia Tech.

Rob is an avid hunter and fisherman, and when possible, he enjoys spending time with his four yellow Labrador Retrievers.
(Representative Rob Wittman)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2007-2020: NO
● Co-Sponsored Peace Corps Funding Legislation:
  2008, 2009: NO
● 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: YES (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 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): 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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Virginia Representative Elaine Luria
Democrat—2nd District (@RepElaineLuria)

534 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-4215

Virginia Current Volunteers: 0 (326 pre-evacuation)
Volunteers in the 2nd District as of September 2016: 25
Virginia Volunteers Since 1961: 8,315

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Virginia Beach

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Veterans’ Affairs

Key Staff: Shira Siegel (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

From the Website (https://elaineforcongress.com)

Elaine Luria served her country in uniform for 20 years with the philosophy: Be Good. Do Good Work. Elaine sees this simple, but powerful, message lacking in Washington today.

When her peers were heading off to college, Elaine was compelled to be part of something bigger than herself and joined the Navy at 17—so she could give back and help build a safer, stronger, and fairer society for this generation and the next. On her first day in uniform, she was inspired by the Naval Academy's Mission, to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship, and government. Elaine served for 20 years as a Surface Warfare Officer and nuclear engineer deploying six times—twice forward-deployed on ships stationed in Japan—conducting operations in the Middle East and Western Pacific on destroyers, cruisers, and aircraft carriers. While Elaine's service to our country was coming to an end – she officially retired from the Navy on June 1, 2017 – she was inspired to help the community that she and her family call home.

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(Representative Elaine Luria)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2019: NO  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 Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)
  (Signed into law in 2018)
  - 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A
  - 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A

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Virginia Representative Bobby Scott
Democrat—3rd District (@repbobbyscott)

1201 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-8351

Virginia Current Volunteers: 0 (326 pre-evacuation)
Volunteers in the 3rd District as of 2016: 14
Virginia Volunteers Since 1961: 8,315

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1993

District Offices: Newport News, Richmond

Committee Assignments: Budget; Education and the Workforce (Ranking Member)

Key Staff: Christina Ingram (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2007, 2018
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Representative Scott was born on April 30, 1947 in Washington, D.C. and grew up in Newport News, Virginia. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Boston College Law School. After graduating from law school, he returned to Newport News and practiced law from 1973 to 1991. He received an honorable discharge for his service in the Massachusetts National Guard and the United States Army Reserve.

Rep. Scott is a member of St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church in Newport News and is a member of many professional, community and civic boards and organizations.
Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: 
2005-2016, 2020: NO
2017-19: 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): MEMBER
• 115th Congress (2017-18): MEMBER
• 2013-2016: MEMBER

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation
• H.R. 6833 - 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
• H.R. 6560 - 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

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 (H 1295)
• 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 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): 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
Virginia Representative Donald McEachin
Democrat - 4th District (@RepMcEachin)

314 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-6365

Virginia Current Volunteers: 0 (326 pre-evacuation)
Volunteers in the 4th District as of September 2016: 20
Virginia Volunteers Since 1961: 8,315

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: Richmond

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Key Staff: Corey Solow (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 (https://www.donaldmceachin.com/about-donald/)

The son of an Army veteran and a public school teacher, Donald McEachin grew up in Richmond. Donald has been a citizen legislator in Virginia’s General Assembly for most of the last twenty years…Donald is also a successful small businessman. With his partner, he has built a local law firm — McEachin & Gee. For 26 years, their firm has helped secure just outcomes for countless Virginians, ensuring they receive the resources they need to recover from accident or injury. The firm has also given out hundreds of scholarships to local students.

Donald participates in many civic and community groups. He is a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Hanover, the NAACP, and the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association; he is also a lifetime member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. He has served on numerous boards and commissions, including the VCU Health System Board of Directors.

Donald is a graduate of American University and the University of Virginia School of Law. In 2008, he received his Master of Divinity degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. Donald and his wife, Colette, are the parents of three wonderful children. They have been married for 28 years.

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(Representative Donald McEachin)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: 2017-2020: 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
● 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 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
Virginia Representative Denver Riggleman
Republican—5th District (@RepRiggleman)

1022 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-4711

Virginia Current Volunteers: 0 (326 pre-evacuation)
Volunteers in the 5th District as of Sept 2016: 21
Virginia Volunteers Since 1961: 8,315

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Charlottesville; Danville

Committee Assignments: Financial Services

Key Staff: Jason Eagleberger (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

From the Website (http://denverforcongress.com):

Denver Riggleman is a decorated Air Force Veteran, successful business owner and a native Virginian who will fight for the 5th District. Denver will work to bring back jobs to the 5th district and common sense back to Washington.
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: 2019, 2020: NO
● 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: YES (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 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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Virginia Representative Ben Cline
Republican—6th District (@RepBenCline)

1009 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-5431

Virginia Current Volunteers: 0 (326 pre-evacuation)
Volunteers in the 6th District as of September 2016: 9
Virginia Volunteers Since 1961: 8,315

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Harrisonburg; Lynchburg; Roanoke; Staunton

Committee Assignments: Education and Labor; Judiciary

Key Staff: Hallie Pence (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

From the Website (https://bencline.com):

Ben Cline’s values were shaped growing up in the Shenandoah Valley. He graduated from Lexington High School in 1990, and earned a law degree from the University of Richmond. Introduced by mutual friends, Ben and his wife Elizabeth met in 2004, and are raising their daughters in Rockbridge County.

Ben’s made a name for himself taking on the status quo in Richmond – never failing to champion common sense, conservative legislation that challenged the establishment of both the Republican and Democratic parties. As Chairman of the Conservative Caucus in the House of Delegations, Ben was at the forefront of protecting our economic freedom. From helping to stop massive tax hikes to crafting budget cuts to Virginia’s bloated bureaucracy, Ben was at the center of the resistance against the push for bigger and unaccountable government.

While serving in the House of Delegates, Ben is also an attorney in private practice and previously prosecuted as an Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney. Prior to that, Ben owned his own small business providing marketing assistance to rural internet and high-tech companies. Upon graduating from college, he served as an aide to Congressman Bob Goodlatte, where he eventually became Chief of Staff.

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(Representative Ben Cline)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2019, 2020: NO
● 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps
  Funding: YES (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 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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Virginia Representative
Abigail Spanberger
Democrat—7th District (@RepSpanberger)

1239 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-2815

Virginia Current Volunteers: 0 (326 pre-evacuation)
Volunteers in the 7th District as of September 2016: 20
Virginia Volunteers Since 1961: 8,315

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Glen Allen

Committee Assignments: Agriculture; Foreign Affairs

Key Staff: Jessie Durrett (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://abigailspanberger.com):

Abigail Spanberger has always served her country and community. And now she is running for Congress. Abigail took an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. That oath didn’t come with an expiration date. When she saw partisan politics threatening the country she has worked so hard to protect, she knew it was her time to stand up for the people in the 7th District.

Abigail began her career of public service as a federal law enforcement officer working narcotics and money laundering cases with the US Postal Inspection Service. Following her love of country, public service, and languages, Abigail joined the CIA as an Operations Officer. She traveled and lived abroad collecting intelligence, managing assets, and overseeing high-profile programs in service to the United States. In 2014, Abigail left government service to begin a career in the private sector and bring her and her family back home to Virginia. Working at EAB – Royall & Company, Abigail helped colleges and universities to create diverse student bodies, increase graduation rates, and break down financial barriers to higher education.

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(Representative Abigail Spanberger)

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): 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 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
Virginia Representative Don Beyer  
Democrat—8th District (@RepDonBeyer)

1119 Longworth House Office Building  
202-225-4376

Virginia Current Volunteers: 0 (326 pre-evacuation)  
Volunteers in the 8th District as of September 2015: 83
Virginia Volunteers Since 1961: 8,315

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2015

District Offices: Alexandria

Committee Assignments: Science, Space, and Technology; Ways and Means; Joint Economic

Key Staff: Zach Cafritz (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2014*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2015-2020*
- District Office Meetings: None

RPCV constituents met with Rep. Beyer during the fall of 2014 during the congressional campaign.

From the Webpage: (https://beyer.house.gov/)

Congressman Beyer was the Lieutenant Governor of Virginia from 1990 to 1998.

President Obama nominated Rep. Beyer to serve as Ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein in 2009. He used his position to advocate for stricter sanctions to compel Iran to begin nuclear disarmament discussions. As Ambassador, Rep. Beyer was integral to US Department of Justice efforts to halt the abuses of Swiss bank secrecy by wealthy Americans.
(Representative Don Beyer)

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): 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): 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 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 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)

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Virginia Representative Morgan Griffith
Republican—9th District (@RepMGriffith)

2202 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-3861

Virginia Current Volunteers: 0 (326 pre-evacuation)
Volunteers in the 9th District as of September 2016: 11
Virginia Volunteers Since 1961: 8,315

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2011

District Offices: Abingdon, Christiansburg, Big Stone Gap

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce

Key Staff: JR Walker (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

Morgan is a graduate of Salem’s Andrew Lewis High School and an honors graduate of Emory and Henry College. After completing studies at the Washington and Lee University School of Law, Morgan returned to Southwest Virginia where he practiced law for nearly three decades.
(Representative Morgan Griffith)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding:
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2011-2020: NO
- 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: YES (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 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)
- 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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Virginia Representative
Jennifer Wexton
Democrat—10th District (@RepWexton)

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Virginia Current Volunteers: 0 (326 pre-evacuation)
Volunteers in the 10th District as of September 2016: 63
Virginia Volunteers Since 1961: 8,315

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Reston

Committee Assignments: Financial Services; Science, Space and Technology

Key Staff: Mike Lucier (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

From the Website (https://jenniferwexton.com):
Jennifer Wexton has been serving the people of Northern Virginia for almost two decades, as a prosecutor, an advocate for children, and as a legislator focusing on issues of concern to families. From 2001 to 2005, Jennifer served as an Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney for Loudoun County, prosecuting felony and misdemeanor criminal and traffic cases in all of the Loudoun Courts. She successfully prosecuted hundreds of trials, including the prosecution of criminals who committed domestic violence or sexual offenses. Among them were a number of high-profile cases, including the 2002 murder trial Commonwealth v. Clara Jane Schwartz.

Jennifer gained a strong interest in mental health issues as a result of her legal work. She served as a court-appointed attorney, and a special justice, in mental health commitment hearings. This work led her to serve for two years as a member of the Loudoun Community Services Board, an advisory policy board that oversees the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services.

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(Representative Jennifer Wexton)

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): 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 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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Virginia Representative
Gerry Connolly
Democrat—11th District (@GerryConnolly)

2238 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-1492

Virginia Current Volunteers: 0 (326 pre-evacuation)
Volunteers in the 11th District as of September 2016: 21
Virginia Volunteers Since 1961: 8,315

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2009

District Offices: Annandale; Woodbridge

Committee Assignments: Foreign Affairs; Oversight and Government Reform

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

Key Staff: Molly Claire Cole (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2014*
- District Office Meetings: 2013* (w/ staff), 2018

From The Website (www.connolly.house.gov):
Congressman Connolly received a M.A. in Public Administration from Harvard University in 1979. He received a B.A. in Literature from Maryknoll College in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. After graduating from Harvard, Connolly spent 10 years on the staff of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where he handled numerous foreign policy issues including oversight of international economic issues and policies concerning the Middle East and the United Nations.

Congressman Connolly also worked in the non-profit sector, primarily advocating for hunger aid and international assistance. He also has strong ties to the business community having spent two decades working for organizations and companies involved in international trade, regulatory matters, technology, and research.

On the House Floor
(Excerpt April 26, 2010) “For the past 49 years, Peace Corps volunteers have demonstrated the nation's commitment to encourage and expand development at the grass roots level... Peace Corps volunteers have made significant contributions in agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health, youth, and the environment. In these various sectors and communities, volunteers have been able to adapt and respond to new challenges through their innovation, creativity, and compassion.”

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(Representative Gerry Connolly)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
- Co-Sponsored Peace Corps Funding Legislation: 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

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Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
(Signed into law in 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
- Representative Connolly 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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