Idaho Senator James Risch
Republican (@SenatorRisch)

483 Russell Senate Office Building
202-224-2752

Idaho Current Volunteers: 49
(Idaho Volunteers in 1967: 57)
Idaho Volunteers Since 1961: 1,464

Began Service in the Senate: 2009

State Offices: Boise, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Pocatello, Twin Falls

Committee Assignments: Foreign Relations (Chairman); Energy and Natural Resources; Select Committee on Ethics; Select Committee on Intelligence; Small Business

Senator Risch is Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, which has jurisdiction over most Peace Corps legislation.

Key Staff: Charles Adams (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2009
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Senator Risch received a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from the University of Idaho, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Idaho, College of Law. He served on Law Review and the College of Law Advisory Committee at the University of Idaho and has taught criminal law at Boise State University. He was a small business owner, a rancher/farmer and senior partner in the Risch Goss Insinger Gustavel Law firm at the time of his election to the U.S. Senate.

(concerning foreign affairs): “America cannot be the policeman to the world. It is, however, important that we recognize matters in which America has a national interest and engage appropriately exercising great restraint whenever military action is considered.”
(Senator James Risch)

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
2017, 2018: NO

Other

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

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

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

Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act
(Not signed into law)

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

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Idaho Senator Michael Crapo
Republican (@MikeCrapo)

239 Dirksen Senate Office Building
202-224-6142

Idaho Current Volunteers: 49
(Idaho Volunteers in 1967: 57)
Idaho Volunteers Since 1961: 1,464

Began Service in the Senate: 1999

State Offices: Boise, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Pocatello, Twin Falls

Committee Assignments: Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; Budget; Finance; Judiciary; Taxation

Senator Crapo 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: Molly Carpenter (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

Prior to his service in Congress, Mike was a partner in the law firm of Holden, Kidwell, Hahn & Crapo. He is a member of the Idaho and California Bar Associations and the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court. He received his Juris Doctorate cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1977, and he graduated summa cum laude from Brigham Young University in 1973 with a B.A. in political science. Following graduation from law school, he served a one-year clerkship with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.
(Senator Michael Crapo)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding:


International Affairs Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding 2017, 2018: NO

Other

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

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

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● Senator Crapo also signed a 2014 letter to federal authorities urging more involvement in the investigation of the death of Peace Corps Volunteer Kate Puzey

Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act (Not signed into law)

● 111th Congress (2009-10): Did not co-sponsor
Idaho Representative Russ Fulcher
Republican—1st District (@reprussfulcher)

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202-225-6611

Idaho Current Volunteers: 49
(Idaho Volunteers in 1967: 57)
Volunteers in the 1st District as of Sep. 2016: 32
Idaho Volunteers Since 1961: 1,464

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Meridian, Lewiston

Committee Assignments: Education and Labor; Natural Resources

Key Staff: Steve Ackerman (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://russfulcher.com):

Russ Fulcher is a Republican candidate for Idaho’s 1st Congressional District. As a fourth-generation Idahoan, Russ believes in the industriousness and ingenuity of Idahoans. He wants our state to be a great place for families and businesses. However, Russ is deeply concerned about the direction of our state and our nation. The overreach of government — both from Washington, D.C. and from Boise — is threatening our future.

Policies in the areas of healthcare, education, and the environment are stripping freedoms from Idahoans and placing them in the hands of government bureaucrats. As an Idaho State Senator for 10 years, Russ experienced this firsthand. In 2013, Governor Otter and the Idaho Legislature voluntarily embraced Obamacare. As a result, Idaho became the administrator for a federal healthcare law that Idahoans do not want and cannot afford.

Idahoans deserve better. That’s why Russ continues to defend conservative values in the political spectrum. The key to our prosperity is restoring the principles that have made us great.

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(Representative Russ Fulcher)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2018: N/A
● 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 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)

(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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Idaho Representative Mike Simpson
Republican—2nd District (@CongMikeSimpson)

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202-225-5531

Idaho Current Volunteers: 49
(Idaho Volunteers in 1967: 57)
Volunteers in the 2nd District as of Sep. 2016: 22
Idaho Volunteers Since 1961: 1,464

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1999

District Offices: Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Twin Falls

Committee Assignments: Appropriations

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Congressman Simpson plays an important role in determining how much funding is allocated for various federal programs. He is not a member of State/Foreign Operations Subcommittee, which has direct jurisdiction over Peace Corps funding.

Key Staff: Katherine Myers (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

His political career began in 1980, when he was elected to the Blackfoot City Council. In 1984, he was elected to the Idaho Legislature where he served until 1998, the last six years serving as Speaker. Simpson was born in Burley, Idaho and raised in Blackfoot. He graduated from Utah State University and earned his DMD from Washington University School of Dental Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. After graduation, he joined his father and uncle at the Simpson Family Dental Practice in Blackfoot.

Mike is an avid golfer and enjoys painting. He has been married to his wife Kathy for over 40 years and they live in Idaho Falls.

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(Representative Mike Simpson)

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 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

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

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

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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) Did not vote

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

- 112th Congress (2011-12): Did not co-sponsor, but part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation

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