Mississippi Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith
Republican (@SenHydeSmith)

702 Hart Senate Office Building
202-224-5054

Mississippi Current Volunteers: 25
(Mississippi Volunteers in 1965: 27)
Mississippi Volunteers Since 1961: 537

Began Service in the Senate:  April, 2018

State Offices: Gulfport, Jackson, Oxford

Committee Assignments: Appropriations; Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; Energy and Natural Resources; Rules and Administration

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

Key Staff: Jimmy Stringer (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

From the Website

Before leading the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Hyde-Smith served 12 years in the Mississippi State Senate, including eight years as chairman of the Agriculture Committee. As a legislator, Hyde-Smith championed policies to promote and protect all facets of the agriculture industry. She fought to protect private property rights, supported tort reform, and earned respect for her advocacy of conservative budget and pro-business initiatives. She has a strong social conservative voting record, and a 100 percent pro-life rating. Hyde-Smith is a lifetime member of the NRA.

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On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2019: NO

International Affairs Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding
  2017: N/A
  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): N/A

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

Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act
(Not signed into law)
● 111th Congress (2009-10): N/A
Mississippi Senator Roger Wicker  
Republican (@SenatorWicker)  

555 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
202-224-6253  

Mississippi Current Volunteers: 25  
(Mississippi Volunteers in 1965: 27)  
Mississippi Volunteers Since 1961: 537  

Began Service in the Senate:  2007  

State Offices:  Gulfport, Hernando, Jackson, Tupelo  

Committee Assignments:  Armed Services; Commerce, Science and Transportation; Environment and Public Works; Rules and Administration  

Key Staff:  Patrick Thompson (Foreign Policy Issues)  

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community  (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):  
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2014, 2018*  
- District Office Meetings: 2013*, 2017* (w/Wicker), 2018*  

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

A native of Pontotoc, Mississippi, the Senator is the son of former Circuit Judge Fred Wicker and the late Mrs. Wordna Wicker. He was educated in the public schools of Pontotoc and received his B.A. and law degrees from the University of Mississippi. Wicker is a member of the First Baptist Church Tupelo, where he sings in the choir.  

Senator Wicker served on active duty in the U.S. Air Force and then joined the Air Force Reserve. He retired from the Reserve in 2004 with the rank of lieutenant colonel.
(Senator Roger Wicker)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2007 - 2019: NO

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

Other

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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 Wicker 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
Mississippi Representative
Trent Kelly
Republican - 1st District (@KellyforMS01)

1005 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-4306

Mississippi Current Volunteers: 25
(Mississippi Volunteers in 1965: 27)
Volunteers in the 1st District as of Sep. 2016: 3
Mississippi Volunteers Since 1961: 537

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2015

District Offices: Columbus, Hernando, Tupelo

Committee Assignments: Agriculture, Small Business; Armed Services

Key Staff: Charles Woods (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
• DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
• DC Meetings With Staff: 2017
• District Office Meetings: 2015* (w/Kelly), 2017

From The Website (www.kellyformississippi.com)

Trent lives in Saltillo and has been married to his wife Sheila for 24 years. They have three children, John Forrest (19), Morgan (15) and Jackson (9). They are active members of Saltillo First United Methodist Church.

Trent is a graduate of Ole Miss Business School and Law School and has a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Trent has worked as an attorney in NE Mississippi since 1995. Trent has spent 29 years in the MS Army National Guard as an Engineer and is currently a Colonel.

Mobilized in 1990 for Desert Storm as an Engineer Second Lieutenant. Deployed as a Major to Iraq in 2005 with the 155th Brigade as the Operations Officer of the 150th Engineer Battalion.
(Representative Trent Kelly)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: 2016-2019: 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
- 114th Congress (2015-16): 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
- 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
Mississippi Representative
Bennie Thompson
Democrat—2nd District (@BennieGThompson)

2466 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-5876

Mississippi Current Volunteers: 25
(Mississippi Volunteers in 1965: 27)
Volunteers in the 2nd District as of Sep. 2015: 6
Mississippi Volunteers Since 1961: 537

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1993

District Offices: Bolton; Greenville; Greenwood; Jackson; Marks; Mound Bayou

Committee Assignments: Homeland Security (Ranking Minority Member)

Key Staff: Claytrice Henderson (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
  ● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2016*
  ● DC Meetings With Staff: 2011*
  ● District Office Meetings: 2013* (w/Thompson), 2017* (w/Thompson)

From the Website (www.benniethompson.house.gov):
As a young man growing up in rural Bolton, Mississippi, Thompson was well aware of the realities that plagued the South. The experiences that his family endured made him determined to be an advocate for those of who were oftentimes underserved.

While earning his Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science degrees from Tougaloo College and Jackson State University, respectively, Thompson began to develop his grassroots political activism. He joined the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and helped to organize voter registration drives for African-Americans in the Mississippi Delta. As a product of the Civil Rights Movement, Thompson has remained committed to ensuring that all people are allowed to exercise their fundamental rights. After graduating from college, Thompson followed in the footsteps of his mother and worked as a schoolteacher.

Congressman Thompson is a lifelong member of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Bolton, Mississippi. Congressman Thompson is an avid outdoorsman. He also enjoys gardening, reading, and listening to blues music.

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(Representative Bennie Thompson)

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 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

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)
● 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): CO-SPONSOR
● 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
Mississippi Representative
Michael Guest
Republican—3rd District
(@RepMichaelGuest)

230 Cannon House Office
Building
202-225-5031

Mississippi Current Volunteers: 25
(Mississippi Volunteers in 1965: 27)
Volunteers in the 3rd District as of Sep. 2016: 2
Mississippi Volunteers Since 1961: 537

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Starkville, Brandon, Meridian

Committee Assignments: Foreign Affairs; Homeland Security

Key Staff: Bubba White (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://michaelguest.ms/):
Michael Guest is the current District Attorney for Madison and Rankin Counties, and is a Republican candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in Mississippi’s Third Congressional District. Michael is a lifelong conservative with a strong Christian faith. Michael believes in limited government, traditional Mississippi values, free market economic principles of lower taxes and fewer regulations, protecting the right to life of the unborn, a strong national defense with full support of our men and women in the military, and keeping our 2nd Amendment gun rights and the other individual rights and liberties guaranteed to us by our Constitution.
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

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

- 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A
Mississippi Representative Steven Palazzo
Republican—4th District (@CongPalazzo)

2349 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-5772

Mississippi Current Volunteers: 25
(Mississippi Volunteers in 1965: 27)
Volunteers in the 4th District as of Sep. 2016: 3
Mississippi Volunteers Since 1961: 537

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2011

District Offices: Biloxi; Hattiesburg; Pascagoula

Committee Assignments: Appropriations

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Congressman Palazzo 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: Patrick Large (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

As a Persian Gulf War veteran, member of the Mississippi National Guard, and former member of the Mississippi House of Representatives, Steven's record of service began long before he was first sworn into office on January 5, 2011. Steven's prior life includes experience working on oil rigs, serving on active duty overseas, and starting and owning his own small business.

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(Representative Steven Palazzo)

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