Rhode Island Senator Jack Reed
Democrat (@SenJackReed)

728 Hart Senate Office Building
202-224-4642

Rhode Island Current Volunteers: 32
(Rhode Island Volunteers in 1965: 52)
Rhode Island Volunteers Since 1961: 1,106

Began Service in the Senate: 1997

State Offices: Cranston, Providence

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Appropriations; Select committee on Intelligence

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

Key Staff: John Nobrega (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2019*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2009, 2011, 2018,
- District Office Meetings: 2017* (w/Reed)

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

In 1967, Reed was nominated for an appointment to the United States Military Academy by Senator John O. Pastore (D-RI). After graduating in 1971 and receiving an active duty commission in the Army, Reed earned a master’s degree in public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government. He served in the 82nd Airborne Division as an Infantry Platoon Leader, a Company Commander, and a Battalion Staff Officer.

Reed resigned from active duty in the Army in 1979 and continued to serve in the Reserves until 1991, retiring with the rank of Major. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1982 and practiced law while serving three terms in the Rhode Island State Senate, followed by three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.
(Senator Jack Reed)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2006-2012: NO
  2014-2019: YES

International Affairs Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding
  2017, 2018: YES

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
● Senator Reed 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
Rhode Island Senator Sheldon Whitehouse
Democrat (@SenWhitehouse)

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Rhode Island Current Volunteers: 32
(Rhode Island Volunteers in 1965: 52)
Rhode Island Volunteers Since 1961: 1,106

Began Service in the Senate: 2007

State Offices: Providence

Committee Assignments: Environment and Public Works; Judiciary; Budget; Finance

Senator Whitehouse serves 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: Christopher Mewett (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
  ● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
  ● DC Meetings With Staff: 2008-2011, 2013, 2016, 2019*
  ● District Office Meetings: 2017*

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

A graduate of Yale University and the University of Virginia School of Law, Sheldon served as Rhode Island’s Director of Business Regulation under Governor Sundlun before being recommended by Senator Pell and nominated by President Bill Clinton to be Rhode Island’s United States Attorney in 1994. He was elected Attorney General of Rhode Island in 1998, a position in which he served until 2003.
(Senator Sheldon Whitehouse)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2007-2018: YES  2019: NO

International Affairs Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding
  2017, 2018: YES

Other

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In 2012, Senator Whitehouse also introduced language in a (pending) Senate appropriations bill calling on the Peace Corps to explore expanding the length of the Non-Competitive eligibility benefit for federal employment for returning Peace Corps Volunteers.

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Rhode Island Representative
David Cicilline
Democrat—1st District (@RepCicilline)

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202-225-4911

Rhode Island Current Volunteers: 32
(Rhode Island Volunteers in 1965: 52)
Volunteers in the 1st District as of September 2016: 22
Rhode Island Volunteers Since 1961: 1,106

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2011

District Offices: Pawtucket

Committee Assignments: Foreign Affairs; Judiciary

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

Key Staff: Sarah Trister (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
  ● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2019*
  ● DC Meetings With Staff: 2011-2014, 2016
  ● District Office Meetings: 2017*

From The Website (www.cicilline.house.gov):

David N. Cicilline was born on the South Side of Providence, Rhode Island and is one of five children of Jack and Sabra Cicilline. After graduating from Narragansett High School, David attended Brown University as an undergraduate and later earned a law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Following law school, David worked as a public defender in the District of Columbia before returning to Rhode Island to practice law. In 1994, he was elected to the Rhode Island House of Representatives. David was first elected mayor of the City of Providence in 2002, and re-elected for a second term in office four years later in 2006.
(Representative David Cicilline)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2011: NO
  2012-2019: 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
- 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)

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

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)


Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)

(Signed into law in 2014)

- 112th Congress (2011-12): 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): CO-SPONSOR
Rhode Island Representative Jim Langevin
Democrat—2nd District (@jimlangevin)

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Rhode Island Current Volunteers: 32
(Rhode Island Volunteers in 1965: 52)
Volunteers in the 2nd District as of September 2016: 19
Rhode Island Volunteers Since 1961: 1,106

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2001

District Offices: Warwick

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Homeland Security

Key Staff: Nick Leiserson (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
  ● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
  ● DC Meetings With Staff: 2008, 2015
  ● District Office Meetings: 2017*

In June 2015, staff of Rep. Langevin met with Berhane Daba of Ethiopia, winner of NPCA’s Harris Wofford Global Citizen Award.

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

Born April 22, 1964, Langevin is the first quadriplegic to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.

At the age of 16, Langevin was injured while working with the Warwick Police Department in the Boy Scout Explorer program. A gun accidentally discharged and a bullet struck Langevin, leaving him paralyzed. The tremendous outpouring of support from his community inspired Langevin to give something back and enter public service.

Langevin graduated from Rhode Island College and earned a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He resides in Warwick, Rhode Island.

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Peace Corps Funding

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