Maine Senator Susan Collins
Republican (@SenatorCollins)
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
202-224-2523

Maine Current Volunteers: 51
(Maine Volunteers in 1965: 94)
Maine Volunteers Since 1961: 1,984

Began Service in the Senate: 1997

State Offices: Caribou; Augusta; Bangor; Lewiston; Portland; Biddeford

Committee Assignments: Appropriations; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Select Committee on Intelligence; Special Committee on Aging

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Collins plays an 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: Mike Wakefield (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2010-2011
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2007, 2009-2015, 2017, 2018
- District Office Meetings: 2017*, 2018*, 2019*

From The Website (www.collins.senate.gov):

Susan Margaret Collins was born on December 7, 1952 into an iconic northern Maine family. Senator Collins’ family runs a fifth-generation lumber business, founded by her ancestors in 1844, and operated today by two of her brothers.

In 1975, Senator Collins graduated with magna cum laude honors from St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, where she was also elected to the Phi Beta Kappa national academic society.
(Senator Susan Collins)

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: 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): CO-SPONSOR

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (S. 230)
(Signed into law 2014)
● 112th Congress (2011-12): CO-SPONSOR
● 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 Collins 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
Maine Senator Angus King
Independent (@SenAngusKing)

133 Hart Senate Office Building
202-224-5344

Maine Current Volunteers: 51
(Maine Volunteers in 1965: 94)
Maine Volunteers Since 1961: 1,984

Began Service in the Senate: 2013

District Offices: Augusta, Bangor, Scarborough, Presque Isle

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Intelligence; Rules and Administration; Energy and Natural Resources

Key Staff: Steve Smith (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

Senator King was born in Alexandria, VA in 1944. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1966 and from University of Virginia Law School in 1969.

In 1994, Senator King was elected Maine’s 71st Governor. During his two terms in the Blaine House, he focused on economic development and job creation, and also achieved significant reforms in education, mental health services, land conservation, environmental protection, and the delivery of state services. He was re-elected in 1998 by one of the largest margins in Maine’s history.

(Relevant Quote)
“When it comes to fighting extreme global poverty and preventable disease, I believe the United States needs to maintain its strong moral leadership. Currently we spend less than 1% of our budget on critical life-saving and economic programs – and yet these investments create connections for us that pay long term dividends that far outweigh their cost.”

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(Senator Angus King)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: N./A  
  2014, 2017-2019: YES  
  2016: NO

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)  
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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
Maine Representative Chellie Pingree
Democrat—1st District (@chelliepingree)

2162 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-6116

Maine Current Volunteers: 51
(Maine Volunteers in 1965: 94)
Volunteers in the 1st District as of Sep. 2016: 28
Maine Volunteers Since 1961: 1,984

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2009

District Offices: Portland; Waterville

Committee Assignments: Appropriations; Agriculture

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Representative Pingree plays an 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: Todd Stein (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2011*, 2014*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2010
- District Office Meetings: 2017*, 2018*

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

Chellie was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1955, the youngest of four children. Chellie moved to Maine as a teenager, attended the University of Southern Maine, and graduated from the College of the Atlantic. After college, she moved to North Haven, an island town of 350 people twelve miles off the coast of Rockland, to raise her family and make a living.

Chellie and her husband, Charlie, spent several years running a small farm and selling produce locally. In 1981, she started North Island Yarn, a cottage industry of local knitters, with a retail store on the island. The business expanded quickly, becoming North Island Designs, and employed as many as ten local workers in peak seasons. The business sold knitting kits and pattern books nationwide through 500 retail stores and 100,000 mail order catalogues. She sold the business in 1993. Today, in addition to her political life, Chellie co-owns and helps manage Nebo Lodge, a bed & breakfast and restaurant on North Haven, which she started with several partners in 2006.

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(Representative Chellie Pingree)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2009-2019: YES
● Co-Sponsored Peace Corps Funding Legislation:
  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 Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)

● 116th Congress (2019-2020): CO-SPONSOR

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
● 115th Congress (2017-18): 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): 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): 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 Pingree 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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Maine Representative Jared Golden
Democrat—2nd District (@RepGolden)

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202-225-6306

Maine Current Volunteers: 51
(Maine Volunteers in 1965: 94)
Volunteers in the 2nd District as of Sep. 2016: 24
Maine Volunteers Since 1961: 1,984

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Caribou, Lewiston

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Small Business

Key Staff: Matt Rich (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

Congressman Golden grew up in Leeds, a small rural town in Maine’s 2nd Congressional District. After the September 11 attacks, Golden enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served four years in the military as an infantryman, deploying to Afghanistan in 2004, and Iraq in 2005-2006.

When Golden returned from service, he used the benefits he’d earned in the military to attend Lewiston’s Bates College. While in school, he returned to Afghanistan as a volunteer school teacher. In 2011, Golden began serving as a staff member on the U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee for Senator Susan Collins.

In 2014, Golden was first elected to represent Lewiston in the Maine House of Representatives. He has passed legislation to help homeless veterans get back on their feet, fought for union workers rights and access to workers compensation benefits, and advocated for passenger rail services in Maine to help grow and strengthen local economies. In the Maine State Legislature, Golden was chosen by his peers to serve as the Democratic Assistant Majority Leader in 2016.

Golden currently lives in Lewiston with his wife Isobel.

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(Representative Jared Golden)

On the Issues

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

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Sam Farr Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A

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): 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)

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