Arkansas Senator John Boozman
Republican (@JohnBoozman)

141 Hart Senate Office Building
202-224-4843

Arkansas Current Volunteers: 28
(Arkansas Volunteers in 1965: 62)
Arkansas Volunteers Since 1961: 1,025

Began Service in the Senate: 2011

State Offices: El Dorado, Fort Smith, Jonesboro, Lowell, Little Rock, Mountain Home, Stuttgart

Committee Assignments: Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; Appropriations; Environment and Public Works; Veterans’ Affairs; Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Boozman plays an important role in determining how much funding is allocated for various federal programs. He is also a member of State/Foreign Operations Subcommittee, which has direct jurisdiction over Peace Corps funding.

Key Staff: Salvador Ortega (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

From the Website (www.boozman.senate.gov):
Raised in Fort Smith, John graduated from Northside High School and went on to play football for the University of Arkansas Razorbacks while completing his pre-optometry requirements. He graduated from the Southern College of Optometry in 1977 and entered private practice that same year co-founding a family business with his brother that would ultimately become a major provider of eye care to Northwest Arkansas.

John’s work on the international stage during his tenure in the House helped make Arkansas a larger player in global trade. In 2007, his efforts to bring together Third District and state leaders with the international community culminated in the creation of the Arkansas World Trade Center (AWTC) in Rogers, which opened in 2007. Since its opening, John and the AWTC have hosted numerous foreign dignitaries, diplomats and government leaders in an effort to open new markets for Arkansas’s goods and services.

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(Senator John Boozman)

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

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 201
(Signed into law in 2011)
● 112th Congress (2011-12): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation
● Senator Boozman 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): N/A

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Arkansas Senator Tom Cotton
Republican (@SenTomCotton)

326 Russell Senate Office Building
202-224-2353

Arkansas Current Volunteers: 28
(Arkansas Volunteers in 1965: 62)
Arkansas Volunteers Since 1961: 1,025

Began Service in the Senate: 2015

State Offices: Little Rock; Springdale; El Dorado; Jonesboro

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; Joint Economic Committee; Special Committee on Intelligence

Key Staff: Edward Linczer (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2016*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2018
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (http://www.cotton.senate.gov/):

Tom grew up on his family’s cattle farm in Yell County. He graduated from Dardanelle High School, Harvard, and Harvard Law School. After a clerkship with the U.S. Court of Appeals and private law practice, Tom left the law because of the September 11th attacks. Tom served nearly five years on active duty in the United States Army as an Infantry Officer.

Tom served in Iraq with the 101st Airborne and in Afghanistan with a Provincial Reconstruction Team. Between his two combat tours, Tom served with The Old Guard at Arlington National Cemetery.

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(Senator Tom Cotton)

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
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● 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

(During his service in the House of Representatives, Senator Cotton did not sign onto Peace Corps funding Dear Colleague letters. Nor did he co-sponsor Peace Corps related legislation)
Arkansas Representative Rick Crawford
Republican—1st District (@RepRickCrawford)

2422 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-3076

Arkansas Current Volunteers: 28
(Arkansas Volunteers in 1965: 62)
Volunteers from the 1st District as of June 2019: 2
Arkansas Volunteers Since 1961: 1,025

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2011

District Offices: Cabot; Jonesboro, Mountain Home

Committee Assignments: Agriculture; Transportation and Infrastructure; Intelligence

Key Staff: Jay Campbell (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2014
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Rick Crawford grew up in a military family where his father served in the United States Air Force. During that time, Rick had the opportunity to live all over the United States and overseas.

Upon graduation from high school, Rick enlisted in the United States Army where he served as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician. He completed four years of service, advanced to the rank of Sergeant in under three years, and earned numerous medals for service at home and in Southwest Asia.

After completing his military service, Rick attended Arkansas State University and graduated in 1996 with a degree in Agriculture Business and Economics. During his time as a student at ASU, Rick was also a professional rodeo announcer, an activity he continued after graduation.

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(Representative Rick Crawford)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2011-18: 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)

● 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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Arkansas Representative French Hill
Republican—2nd District (@RepFrenchHill)

1533 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-2506

Arkansas Current Volunteers: 28
(Arkansas Volunteers in 1965: 62)
Volunteers from the 2nd District as of June 2019: 9
Arkansas Volunteers Since 1961: 1,025

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2015

District Offices: Little Rock; Conway

Committee Assignments: Financial Services

Key Staff: Dylan Frost (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 (www.hill.house.gov):

French Hill served on the U.S. House Committee on Financial Services. Prior to his congressional service, Mr. Hill was actively engaged in the Arkansas business community for two decades as a commercial banker and investment manager. He was founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of Delta Trust & Banking Corp., which was merged with Arkansas-based Simmons First National Corp. French Hill served as a senior official in the administration of President George H.W. Bush. From 1989 to 1991, Hill served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Corporate Finance, where his major assignment was representing the United States as a negotiator in the historic bilateral talks with Japan.
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding:

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2011-2014: N/A
  2015-2018: 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

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- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not join
- 114th Congress (2015-16): Did not join

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Other

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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)
Arkansas Representative Steve Womack
Republican—3rd District (@rep_stevewomack)

2412 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-4301

Arkansas Current Volunteers: 28
(Arkansas Volunteers in 1965: 62)
Volunteers from the 3rd District as of June 2019: 6
Arkansas Volunteers Since 1961: 1,025

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2011

District Offices: Fort Smith; Harrison; Rogers

Committee Assignments: Appropriations; Budget

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Congressman Womack 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: Katie Morley (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2016*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2012, 2013, 2017, 2018
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (www.womack.house.gov):
Congressman Stephen A. Womack, 56, is a native of Russellville, Arkansas. After attending K-10 in Moberly, Missouri, Womack’s family returned to Arkansas in 1973, where he graduated from Russellville High School (1975) and Arkansas Tech University (1979). Womack earned a Bachelor’s degree from Tech and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Arkansas Army National Guard.

Steve retired from the military in 2009 after 30 years of service. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and the Global War on Terror Expeditionary and Service Medals, and the Arkansas Distinguished Service Medals. Steve was inducted into the Arkansas Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame in 2011.

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Representative Steve Womack

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)

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- 1/13/14 House Vote to Support Commemorative (passed 387 – 7) YES

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011

- 112th Congress (2011-12): Did not co-sponsor, but part of a unanimous vote that passed the legislation
Arkansas Representative
Bruce Westerman
Republican – 4th District (@RepWesterman)

209 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-3772

Arkansas Current Volunteers: 28
(Arkansas Volunteers in 1965: 62)
Volunteers from the 4th District as of June 2019: 2
Arkansas Volunteers Since 1961: 1,025

Began Service in House: 2015

District Offices: El Dorado, Hot Springs, Pine Bluff, Ozark

Committee Assignments: Transportation; Natural Resources

Congressman Westerman 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: Jefferson Deming (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

From the Website (http://www.brucewesterman.com/):

An engineer and forester for 22 years at Mid-South Engineering in Hot Springs, Westerman is a registered professional engineer in Arkansas and six other states, and a registered forester in Arkansas. He holds a Master of Forestry degree (2001) from Yale University. In 2013, he was named Engineer of the Year by the Arkansas Society of Professional of Engineers.

Westerman graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological and Agricultural Engineering from the University of Arkansas in 1990. While at Arkansas, Westerman was a four-year walk-on member of the Razorback Football Team. He received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award in 2005 and the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2012.

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(Representative Bruce Westerman)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding:
● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2011-2014: N/A
  2015-2018: NO
● 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: DID NOT VOTE  (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

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  (Not Applicable)

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