Nebraska Senator Deb Fischer  
Republican (@SenatorFischer)

454 Russell Senate Office Building  
202-224-6551

Nebraska Current Volunteers: 30  
(Nebraska Volunteers in 1965: 105)  
Nebraska Volunteers Since 1961: 1,480

**Began Service in the Senate:** 2013

**District Offices:** Lincoln, Omaha, Kearney, Scottsbluff

**Committee Assignments:** Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Armed Services; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Rules and Administration;

**Key Staff:** Peter Schirtzinger (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** ([www.fischer.senate.gov](http://www.fischer.senate.gov)):

Born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska, Senator Fischer attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and graduated with a degree in education. She and her husband, Bruce, have been married for 40 years and own a ranching business near Valentine. There, they raised their three sons, all of whom have returned to live and work on the ranch. The Fischer family has been recognized for their conservation and environmental stewardship, receiving honors from the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts, Nebraska Cattleman and the Society for Range Management.

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(Senator Deb Fischer)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
- Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: N/A

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): 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
- Senator Fischer 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): N/A
Nebraska Senator Ben Sasse  
Republican (@SenSasse)  

107 Russell Senate Office Building  
202-224-4224  

Nebraska Current Volunteers: 30  
(Nebraska Volunteers in 1965: 105)  
Nebraska Volunteers Since 1961: 1,480  

Began Service in the Senate: 2015  

District Offices: Kearney, Lincoln, Scottsbluff, Omaha  

Committee Assignments: Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; Joint Economic Committee; Armed Services; Judiciary  

Key Staff: Brett Fetterly (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 (http://www.sasse.senate.gov):  

A graduate of Fremont High School, he was recruited to wrestle at Harvard and then earned a PhD in American history at Yale. Ben comes to the Senate having spent the last five years as a college president. Most of his career has been spent guiding companies and institutions through times of crisis with straight talk about the core issues. He has worked with the Boston Consulting Group and McKinsey and Company, as well as private equity firms and not-for-profit organizations, to tackle failing strategies across a broad array of sectors and nations.
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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● 113th Congress (2013-14): N/A

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(Signed into law 2014)
● 112th Congress (2011-12): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation
● 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
Nebraska Representative Jeff Fortenberry
Republican—1st District (@JeffFortenberry)

1514 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-4806

Nebraska Current Volunteers: 30
(Nebraska Volunteers in 1965: 105)
Volunteers in the 1st District as of September 2016: 22
Nebraska Volunteers Since 1961: 1,480

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2005

District Offices: Fremont, Lincoln, Norfolk

Committee Assignments: Appropriations

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Congressman Fortenberry 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: Mena Hanna (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2011*, 2015
- District Office Meetings: 2016* (w/Fortenberry), 2017* (w/Fortenberry)

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

Prior to serving in Congress, Jeff worked as a publishing industry executive in Lincoln, where he also served on the Lincoln City Council from 1997-2001. Jeff also has significant personal experience in small business, and early in his career he worked as a policy analyst for the United States Senate Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations. Jeff earned a bachelor's degree in economics and two master's degrees, one in public policy.

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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
- 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)
- 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) 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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Nebraska Representative Don Bacon
Republican—2nd District (@RepDonBacon)

1024 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-4155

Nebraska Current Volunteers: 30
(Nebraska Volunteers in 1965: 105)
Volunteers in the 2nd District as of September 2016: 25
Nebraska Volunteers Since 1961: 1,480

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: Omaha

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Agriculture;

Key Staff: Patrick Flood (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://bacon.house.gov/about)

Growing up and working on a farm in Illinois, Congressman Don Bacon learned first-hand how the value of hard work and commitment contributes to the success of a small business. He moved from the family farm to attend Northern Illinois University, from which he graduated with a Bachelors of Political Science in 1984, the same year he married Angie, the love of his life. They have three sons, one daughter, and three granddaughters. One year later, he began his military career by joining the U.S. Air Force and serving nearly 30 years, ultimately retiring as a Brigadier General.

Congressman Bacon’s military decorations include two Bronze Stars, two Legion of Merits, and five Meritorious Service Medals. Additionally, he was selected as Europe’s top Air Force Wing Commander for his time at Ramstein Air Base, as well as recognized as a distinguished graduate of the Air Command and Staff College,

Upon his retirement from the Air Force in 2014, Congressman Bacon served as the military advisor to Congressman Jeff Fortenberry (NE-01), where he specialized in military affairs focusing on Offutt Air Force Base and the Nebraska National Guard. He was also an Assistant Professor at Bellevue University.

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(Representative Don Bacon)

On the Issues

**Peace Corps Funding**
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  - 2017, 2018: 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): 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): Did not co-sponsor
- 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A

**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) 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): N/A
Nebraska Representative Adrian Smith
Republican—3rd District (@RepAdrianSmith)

502 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-6435

Nebraska Current Volunteers: 30
(Nebraska Volunteers in 1965: 105)
Volunteers in the 3rd District as of September 2015: 5
Nebraska Volunteers Since 1961: 1,480

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2007

District Offices: Grand Island, Scottsbluff

Committee Assignments: Ways and Means; House Administration

Key Staff: Joel Keralis (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2010, 2011*
- District Office Meetings: None

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

The Gering native, whose family has called Nebraska home for six generations, was first introduced to politics by his grandfather. Prior to his election to Congress, Smith served his hometown as a member of the City Council. He then represented District 48 for eight years in the Unicameral.
(Representative Adrian Smith)

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: YES (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

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● 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

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Other

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(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) 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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