Louisiana Senator Bill Cassidy
Republican (@SenBillCassidy)

520 Hart Senate Building
202-224-5824

Louisiana Current Volunteers: 52
(Louisiana Volunteers in 1965: 53)
Louisiana Volunteers Since 1961: 1,222

Began Service in the Senate: 2015

District Offices: Alexandria, Lake Charles, Baton Rouge, Metairie, Monroe, Lafayette, Shreveport

Committee Assignments: Finance; Energy and Natural Resources; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Joint Economic Committee; Veterans’ Affairs

Key Staff: Maria Sierra (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Bill grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and attended Louisiana State University (LSU) for undergraduate and Medical School. For nearly three decades, Bill has provided care for uninsured and underinsured patients in Louisiana’s charity hospital system.

During this time, he co-founded the Greater Baton Rouge Community Clinic, a clinic providing free dental and health care to the working uninsured. Bill also created a private-public partnership to vaccinate 36,000 greater Baton Rouge area children against Hepatitis B at no cost to the schools or parents. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Bill led a group of health care volunteers to convert an abandoned K-Mart building into an emergency health care facility, providing basic health care to hurricane evacuees.
(Senator Bill Cassidy)

(Prior to the Senate, Senator Cassidy served in the House of Representatives. During his service in the House, Senator Cassidy did not sign onto Peace Corps funding Dear Colleague letters. Nor did he co-sponsor Peace Corps related legislation)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: 2016-2019: NO

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): 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

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Louisiana Senator John Neely Kennedy
Republican (@SenJohnKennedy)

416 Russell Senate Building
202-224-4623

Louisiana Current Volunteers: 52
(Louisiana Volunteers in 1965: 53)
Louisiana Volunteers Since 1961: 1,222

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Houma, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Mandeville, Monroe, New Orleans, Shreveport

Committee Assignments: Appropriations; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Budget; Judiciary; Small Business

Senator Kennedy sits on the Budget Committee, which develops a spending blueprint for all federal programs, including our international affairs programs

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Kennedy 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: John Steitz (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

From the Website (www.kennedy.senate.gov)
John Kennedy has built a distinguished career as a conservative champion for the people of Louisiana and a dedicated watchdog of taxpayer money. Prior to his election to the Senate, Kennedy was state treasurer of Louisiana for five terms...Prior to his position as Treasurer, Mr. Kennedy served as Secretary of the Department of Revenue, Special Counsel to Governor Roemer and Secretary of Governor Roemer’s Cabinet. He was also an attorney and partner in the Baton Rouge and New Orleans law firm of Chaffe McCall.

Mr. Kennedy graduated magna cum laude in political science, philosophy and economics from Vanderbilt...He received his law degree from the University of Virginia and his B.C.L. degree from Oxford University in England where he was a First Class Honors graduate.

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(Senator John Neely Kennedy)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2017-2019: NO

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): N/A

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (S. 230)
  (Signed into law 2014)

● 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
Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2008

District Offices: Hammond; Houma; Mandeville; Metairie

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce

Key Staff: Claire Trokey (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

Congressman Scalise is a graduate of Louisiana State University. He received his B.S. in Computer Science in 1989 with a minor in Political Science. Scalise is a former systems engineer.

The Congressman’s commitment to service began early as he was twice elected Speaker of LSU’s Student Government Association. He was a member of the Louisiana House and the Louisiana Senate from 1996 to 2008.
On the Issues
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)

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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Louisiana Representative
Cedric Richmond
Democrat—2nd District (@RepRichmond)

506 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-6636

Louisiana Current Volunteers: 52
(Louisiana Volunteers in 1965: 53)
Volunteers in the 2nd District as of June 2019: 5
Louisiana Volunteers Since 1961: 1,222

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2011

District Offices: Gretna; New Orleans; Baton Rouge

Committee Assignments: Judiciary; Homeland Security

Key Staff: Joseph Lustig (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

Born and raised in New Orleans, Cedric is a strong believer in the value of mentorship in his beloved hometown. He is a community baseball coach, former volunteer basketball coach, and youth mentor.

Cedric is a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School. He earned his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA and his Juris Doctorate from the Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans. Cedric is also a graduate of the Harvard University Executive Education Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

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On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  - 2011-2016: NO
  - 2017-2019: 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): 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) Did not vote

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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Louisiana Representative
Clay Higgins (@RepClayHiggins)
Republican—3rd District

424 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-2031

Louisiana Current Volunteers: 52
(Louisiana Volunteers in 1965: 53)
Volunteers in the 3rd District as of June 2019: 5
Louisiana Volunteers Since 1961: 1,222

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: Lafayette; Lake Charles

Committee Assignments: Homeland Security; Oversight and Government Reform

Key Staff: Kayla Williams (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 (http://captainhiggins.com/about/)

Captain Clay Higgins is a lifelong resident of Louisiana. He has served Acadiana in Law Enforcement for the last eleven years and currently serves as Deputy Marshal for the City of Lafayette.

Captain Higgins has become one of the nation’s most influential cops, regularly speaking to law enforcement agencies across America. Higgins is a strong advocate of what he calls… “The sacred oath of the badge”. He states that the sworn oath is not to a Sheriff, or a Chief, or a Marshal… It’s an oath of allegiance to the Constitution. He is a passionate defender of the Bill of Rights.

As a Christian, Higgins is known for his refreshing focus on the power of the individual to be redeemed. Higgins received his initial training in police work when serving as a military police officer in the United States Army.
(Representative Clay Higgins)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: 2017-2019: 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): 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
Louisiana Representative
Mike Johnson (@RepMikeJohnson)
Republican—4th District

418 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-2777

Louisiana Current Volunteers: 52
(Louisiana Volunteers in 1965: 53)
Volunteers in the 4th District as of June 2019: 3
Louisiana Volunteers Since 1961: 1,222

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: Bossier, Leesville, Shreveport

Committee Assignments: Judiciary; Natural Resources

Key Staff: Garrett Fultz (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://mikejohnson.house.gov/about)
Mike is a constitutional law attorney who has devoted his life and career to fighting for the fundamental freedoms and traditional values that have always been a priority to the people of Louisiana. For nearly 20 years, Mike successfully litigated high profile constitutional law cases in district and appellate courts nationwide. (Mike) previously served as legal counsel for organizations such as the Family Research Council, Alliance Defending Freedom, the National Day of Prayer Task Force, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Louisiana Right to Life Federation.

Mike earned his Juris Doctorate from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University in 1998 where he was selected as a member of the Moot Court Board and National Moot Court Team and was elected class president and president of the Christian Legal Society. He earned his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from LSU in 1995, where he was selected to Leadership LSU and the Order of Omega Honor Society, Kappa Sigma Fraternity and served as president of the LSU Interfraternity Council. Mike and his wife Kelly, a former school teacher, have been married since 1999 and have four children, Hannah, Abigail, Jack and Will. Today, they reside in Bossier Parish.
(Representative Mike Johnson)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2017-2019: 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): 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
Louisiana Representative Ralph Abraham
Republican - 5th District (@RepAbraham)

417 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-8490

Louisiana Current Volunteers: 52
(Louisiana Volunteers in 1965: 53)
Volunteers in the 5th District as of June 2019: 1
Louisiana Volunteers Since 1961: 1,222

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2015

District Offices: Northeast Louisiana (Monroe), Central Louisiana (Alexandria)

Committee Assignments: Agriculture; Armed Services

Key Staff: Heinz Kaiser (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: None

From the Website (https://abraham.house.gov):
Congressman Ralph Abraham, M.D., was elected to represent Louisiana's 5th District in December 2015. The 5th District is the largest in terms of area in the state, spanning 24 parishes across most of Northeast and Central Louisiana and parts of five Florida parishes in the state's southern "boot." This is his first publicly held office after spending most of his life as a practicing physician, veterinarian, business owner, farmer, pilot and veteran.
(Representative Ralph Abraham)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding:

- 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)

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

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)
Louisiana Representative Garret Graves
Republican - 6th District (@RepGarretGraves)

2402 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-3901

Louisiana Current Volunteers: 52
(Louisiana Volunteers in 1965: 53)
Volunteers in the 6th District as of June 2019: 5
Louisiana Volunteers Since 1961: 1,222

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2015

District Offices: Baton Rouge, Livingston, Thibodaux

Committee Assignments: Transportation; Natural Resources

Key Staff: Logan de la Barre-Hays (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2018^
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2017
- District Office Meetings: 2019 (w/ Rep. Graves)*


From the Website (https://garretgraves.house.gov/):

A Baton Rouge native, Garret grew up in a family of entrepreneurs and small business owners – an environment that held individual responsibility, innovation and a strong work ethic in the highest regard, all which shaped his passion for public service.

Garret’s career in public service began in the Louisiana congressional delegation with Louisiana’s coastal region Congressman Billy Tauzin who chaired the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Garret later worked for Louisiana Senator David Vitter and served on U.S. House and Senate committees focused on civil works, infrastructure, and maritime policies.

Prior to his election to the U.S. House of Representatives, Garret had served six years on Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal’s cabinet as Chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA). Concurrently, he worked as a senior policy advisor to the governor on energy, environment, fisheries, and disasters.

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(Representative Garrett Graves)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding:

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  - 2015-2016: NO
  - 2017, 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): MEMBER (Co-Chair)
- 115th Congress (2017-18): MEMBER (Co-Chair)
- 114th Congress (2015-16): Did not join

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)


Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

- 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

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)