Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar
Democrat (@amyklobuchar)

425 Dirksen Senate Office Building
202-224-3244

Minnesota Current Volunteers: 0 (170 pre-evacuation)
(Minnesota Volunteers in 1966: 407)
Minnesota Volunteers Since 1961: 7,068

Began Service in the Senate: 2007

District Offices: Minneapolis; Moorhead; Rochester; Virginia

Committee Assignments: Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Judiciary; Joint Economic Committee; Rules and Administration

Key Staff: Jennifer Treutel (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2011*
- District Office Meetings: 2013, 2014

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

Amy was the valedictorian of her Wayzata High School class. She graduated magna cum laude from Yale University and the University of Chicago Law School. Her senior essay in college, published as the book "Uncovering the Dome," chronicles the 10-year-history behind the building of the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome and is still used at colleges and universities across the country.

In 2006, Amy Klobuchar became the first woman elected to represent the State of Minnesota in the United States Senate. Throughout her public service - both as chief prosecutor in the state's largest county and now as a U.S. Senator - Amy has always embraced the values she learned growing up in Minnesota. Her grandfather worked 1500 feet underground in the iron ore mines of Northern Minnesota. Her father, Jim, was a newspaperman, and her mother, Rose, was an elementary school teacher who continued teaching until she was 70.

(concerning foreign affairs): “We must continue to lead the global fight against AIDS, malaria, and other diseases that are devastating entire regions. We must develop and distribute stockpiles of medicine and vaccinations to prevent future global epidemics.”

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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

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation
● S. 3700 - 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

CORPS Act (S. 3964)
(Expand COVID-19 National Service Response Positions - Including Priority Preference for Evacuees)
● 116th Congress (2019-2020): CO-SPONSOR

Peace Corps Mission Accountability Act (S.2320) - Legislation opposed by NPCA
● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Other
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): 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): CO-SPONSOR
● Senator Klobuchar 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

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Minnesota Senator Tina Smith
Democrat (@sentinasmith)

720 Hart Senate Office Building
202-224-5641

Minnesota Current Volunteers: 0 (170 pre-evacuation)
(Minnesota Volunteers in 1966: 407)
Minnesota Volunteers Since 1961: 7,068

Began Service in the Senate: 2018

District Offices: Moorhead, Duluth, Saint Paul, Rochester

Committee Assignments: Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Indian Affairs

Key Staff: Samantha Marcy (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2018*, 2019*, 2020*
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (https://www.senate.gov/senators/115thCongress/Smith_Tina.htm):

Senator Tina Smith was born on March 4, 1958, and grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In 1980, she graduated from Stanford University and earned an MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. Tina moved to Minnesota in 1984 to work at General Mills and raise a family with her husband, Archie. They've been married for more than 30 years and have two sons, Sam and Mason. She's served as Chief of Staff to both Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak and Governor Mark Dayton. In 2014, Tina was elected to serve as Minnesota’s 48th Lieutenant Governor. As Lieutenant Governor, she’s traveled to every corner of the state to talk with, learn from, and work on behalf of Minnesotans.
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2018, 2019, 2020: YES

International Affairs Funding

- Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


CORPS Act (S. 3964)
(Expand COVID-19 National Service Response Positions - Including Priority Preference for Evacuees)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Peace Corps Mission Accountability Act (S.2320) - Legislation opposed by NPCA

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Other

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
Minnesota Representative
Jim Hagedorn
Republican—1st District (@RepHagedorn)

325 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-2472

Minnesota Current Volunteers: 0 (170 pre-evacuation)
(Minnesota Volunteers in 1966: 407)
Volunteers in the 1st District as of Sep. 2016: 30
Minnesota Volunteers Since 1961: 7,068

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Mankato

Committee Assignments: Agriculture; Small Business

Key Staff: Andrew Lutz (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2020
- District Office Meetings: 2019 (w/ Rep. Hagedorn)*

From the Website (https://www.jimhagedorn.org):

Jim attended George Mason University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Politics. He was hired as the legislative assistant to former Minnesota Republican Congressman Arlan Stangeland. Jim handled an array of issues and successfully managed the Congressman’s legislative agenda, including stewardship of H.R. 916, a 1987-88 bipartisan “workfare” bill that required able-bodied welfare recipients to work for benefits. This bill was conceptually enacted into law shortly after Republicans won control of the House of Representatives in 1994. Jim served as the Director for Legislative and Public Affairs for the Financial Management Service, the U.S. Department of the Treasury agency responsible for the management of more than $2 trillion in Federal funds.
Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
2019: YES  2020: 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): N/A

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation

Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 6118)
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

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): 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): N/A
- 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)
- 113th Congress (2013-2014): N/A

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
(Signed into law in 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
It’s clear to me that most Americans’ hard work isn’t paying off like it used to. College is no longer affordable and skills training is not a high enough priority. Healthcare costs too much. Incomes aren’t growing fast enough to keep up with the cost of groceries and prescription drug costs.

The opportunities that I was lucky enough to have are disappearing for too many families. And most politicians seem content to sit back and do nothing but continue to help the rich get richer and fight among themselves. It’s a broken political system that works for the special interests, not us. I’m not seeking a career in politics. I’m asking to serve my community by fighting for good public policy – that actually puts people first, for a change.

I will fight for the education, healthcare, job training, and infrastructure investments that will support thousands of new jobs. I’ll support businesses that hire Americans; and work to close loopholes for those that do not. I’ll support policies that reward people for their hard work, including and especially family farmers and small business owners. I will fight for campaign finance reform, the right to organize and collectively bargain, reproductive rights, equal pay and a living wage. I’ll fight to address climate change, immigration reform and work to bring bipartisan solutions back. I’ll work with anyone to make things better for Minnesotans and stand against anyone who’s trying to hurt us.
(Representative Angie Craig)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2019, 2020: 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 Specific COVID-19 Legislation


Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 6118)

● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

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
● 15th 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): N/A
● 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)

● 113th Congress (2013-2014): N/A

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
(Signed into law in 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

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Minnesota Representative Dean Phillips
Democrat—3rd District (@RepDeanPhillips)

1305 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-2871

Minnesota Current Volunteers: 0 (170 pre-evacuation)
(Minnesota Volunteers in 1966: 407)
Volunteers in the 3rd District as of Sep. 2016: 44
Minnesota Volunteers Since 1961: 7,068

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Bloomington

Committee Assignments: Financial Services; Foreign Affairs

Key Staff: Sophie Mirviss (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2020
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (https://www.phillipsforcongress.org/):

I believe Congress needs a new generation of leaders willing to place principles over party, serve common interests over special interests, and favor independence over rigid ideology. Representation begins with listening, and I am extending invitations to every resident of Minnesota’s 3rd District to come have a conversation with me and discuss what’s on your mind. My commitment to you is that I will be accessible, I will listen, I will learn, and I will always represent the principles and values I believe most of us share.

Community service is an integral part of my life and a responsibility I take very seriously. My work has been focused on furthering youth, education and health and fighting discrimination. I’m a former regent at Saint Johns University and a former Board Chair of Allina Health, the operator of Abbott Northwestern, Mercy-Unity and United Hospitals. In 2013 I helped bring WE Day, the global youth-empowerment initiative, to Minnesota, and we now engage more than 150,000 students in almost 600 schools throughout the state. I chair the boards of our family charitable foundations and constantly seek innovative people, organizations and ideas to help as many people as possible become healthier and more self-sufficient.
(Representative Dean Phillips)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on 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)

Peace Corps Caucus
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a member
- 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation

Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 6118)
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)
- 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): N/A
- 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)
- 113th Congress (2013-2014): N/A

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
  (Signed into law in 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

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Minnesota Representative
Betty McCollum
Democrat—4th District (@BettyMcCollum04)

2256 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-6631

Minnesota Current Volunteers: 0 (170 pre-evacuation)
(Minnesota Volunteers in 1966: 407)
Volunteers in the 4th District as of Sep. 2016: 53
Minnesota Volunteers Since 1961: 7,068

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2001

District Offices: St. Paul

Committee Assignments: Appropriations

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Congresswoman McCollum 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: Libby Foley (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2016*
- District Office Meetings: 2012*,2014*

From the Website (www.mccollum.house.gov):
In addition to elected office, Congresswoman McCollum’s career has included teaching high school social science, as well as, 25 years in retail sales and management. She is a graduate of the College of St. Catherine, and the mother of two adult children. She is a native who grew up in South St. Paul, raised her family in North St. Paul and now lives in St. Paul.

(concerning foreign aid): “...our nation has a responsibility to aggressively pursue initiatives that alleviate poverty, promote democracy and human rights, improve lives, and stabilize communities in the developing world. In Congress, I have introduced bills aimed at achieving these goals by fighting hunger, preventing young girls from becoming child brides, and helping to reduce child and maternal mortality. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I advocate for the funding bi-lateral and multilateral institutions – such as the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the World Bank – need to deliver basic health care, education, agricultural assistance and other critical interventions.”

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(Representative Betty McCollum)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
- Co-Sponsored Peace Corps Funding Legislation:
  2008-2009: 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

- 115th Congress (2017-18): MEMBER
- 2013-2016: MEMBER

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 6118)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)


Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

- 115th Congress (2017-18): CO-SPONSOR
- 2013-2016: 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

- 111th Congress (2009-10): CO-SPONSOR
- 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): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation
- Representative McCollum also signed a 2014 letter to federal authorities urging more involvement in the investigation of the death of Peace Corps Volunteer Kate Puzey
Born in Somalia, Ilhan and her family fled the country's civil war when she was eight-years-old. They lived in a refugee camp in Kenya for four years before coming to the United States, eventually settling in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood of Minneapolis in 1997. In 2016, Ilhan became the first Somali-American, Muslim legislator in the United States. With the help of her committed campaign team, they increased voter turnout by 37%. She was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in District 60B, where she’s lived for the past 20 years and where she and her husband Ahmed are raising their three children.

Ilhan is an accomplished legislator, policy analyst, community organizer, non-profit leader, public speaker, board member, youth mentor, and an award-winning human rights advocate.
(Representative Ilhan Omar)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  - 2019, 2020: 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): N/A

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 6118)

● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

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): 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): N/A
● 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)

● 113th Congress (2013-2014): N/A

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
  (Signed into law in 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

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Minnesota Representative Tom Emmer
Republican—6th District (@RepTomEmmer)

315 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-2331

Minnesota Current Volunteers: 0 (170 pre-evacuation)
(Minnesota Volunteers in 1966: 407)
Volunteers in the 6th District as of Sep. 2016: 26
Minnesota Volunteers Since 1961: 7,068

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2015

District Offices: Otsego

Committee Assignments: Financial Services

Key Staff: Nick Lunneborg (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2016
● DC Meetings With Staff: 2015, 2018*, 2020
● District Office Meetings: 2015

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

Congressman Tom Emmer was sworn in for his first term in the U.S. House of Representatives on January 6, 2015. He was born in 1961 in South Bend, IN as his father finished his degree at Notre Dame. He grew up in Edina and went to St. Thomas Military Academy, where he grew in his faith and learned leadership through JROTC.

After practicing law for several years, Tom followed his entrepreneurial calling and opened his own law firm. The next 20 years were spent balancing family, business, hockey coaching, and serving on the city councils in Independence and Delano.

After an extremely narrow loss in the 2010 gubernatorial race, Tom entered the radio business as a conservative radio host on Twin Cities News Talk AM1130, and his show became a favorite for conservatives across Minnesota.
(Representative Tom Emmer)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding:
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: 2015-2020: 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
- 114th Congress (2015-16): Did not join

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation

Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 6118)
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

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)

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Minnesota Representative Collin Peterson
Democrat—7th District (@collinpeterson)

2204 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-2165

Minnesota Current Volunteers: 0 (170 pre-evacuation)
(Minnesota Volunteers in 1966: 407)
Volunteers in the 7th District as of Sep. 2016: 10
Minnesota Volunteers Since 1961: 7,068

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1991

District Offices: Detroit Lakes; Marshall; Montevideo; Thief River Falls; Redwood Falls; Willmar

Committee Assignments: Agriculture; Veterans Affairs

Key Staff: Richard Lee (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
● DC Meetings With Staff: 2009, 2011, 2015
● District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (www.collinpeterson.house.gov):
Congressman Peterson grew up on a farm near Glyndon, Minnesota and was educated in the local public schools. He graduated from Minnesota State University-Moorhead in 1966 with a double major in Business Administration and Accounting, and also served in the North Dakota National Guard from 1963 to 1969. Before being elected to the House of Representatives, he was a Certified Public Accountant and small business owner in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, and also served for ten years in the Minnesota State Senate.

In the 1960’s, Peterson also found time to play guitar and sing with a band known as “Collin and the Establishment.” He is a musician, and in recent years he has performed with Willie Nelson at Farm Aid concerts, jazz legend Lonnie Brooks, with several other Members of Congress at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, and with rock guitarist Jeff “Skunk” Baxter at several Washington, D.C. venues. He is a member of the American Legion’s Ninth District Band.

Peterson is a private pilot who often flies his own single-engine plane to get around his large district and visit with his constituency. He also is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys hunting and fishing whenever time permits.

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(Representative Collin Peterson)

On the Issues

**Peace Corps Funding**

- **Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:**
  - 2005-2016: NO
  - 2017-2020: YES
- **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 Specific COVID-19 Legislation**


**Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 6118)**

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

**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

**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
Minnesota Representative
Peter Stauber (@USRepPeteStauber)
Republican—8th District

126 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-6211

Minnesota Current Volunteers: 0 (170 pre-evacuation)
(Minnesota Volunteers in 1966: 407)
Volunteers in the 8th District as of Sep. 2016: 9
Minnesota Volunteers Since 1961: 7,068

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Hermantown

Committee Assignments: Small Business; Transportation and Infrastructure

Key Staff: Allie Asau (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2020*
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (https://petestauberforcongress.com/):

Having earned a BS in Criminal Justice, Pete began his career in law enforcement. His experience solidified his view that we need both safer communities and protection for responsible, law-abiding gun owners. During the years of his service as a police officer, Pete was the victim of two violent gun crimes, on and off duty.

Pete has a long history of getting things done for northeastern Minnesota. He has served as the President of the Law Enforcement Labor Services Union, Local 363 and as an Area Commander with the Duluth Police Department. After 22 years of service with the department, Pete retired.
(Representative Pete Stauber)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2019, 2020: 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): N/A

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation

Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 6118)
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

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): 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): N/A
- 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)
- 113th Congress (2013-2014): N/A

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
(Signed into law in 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

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