New Mexico Senator Martin Heinrich
Democrat (@MartinHeinrich)

303 Hart Senate Office Building
202-224-5521

New Mexico Current Volunteers: 0 (38 pre-evacuation)
(New Mexico Volunteers in 1967: 63)
New Mexico Volunteers Since 1961: 2,285

Began Service in the Senate: 2013 (Served in House since 2009)

District Offices: Farmington, Roswell, Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Santa Fe

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Energy and Natural Resources; Intelligence; Joint Economic Committee

Key Staff: Sean Duggan (Peace Corps Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
  ● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2011* (when he was in House)
  ● DC Meetings With Staff: 2010, 2014*, 2016*
  ● District Office Meetings: None

From the Website ([www.heinrich.senate.gov](http://www.heinrich.senate.gov)):

Before serving in Congress, Heinrich was the Albuquerque City Council President and the Natural Resources Trustee for the State of New Mexico. Martin is driven by his working-class upbringing, his wife, Julie, his two young sons, and the great people of New Mexico.

Relevant Quote

“If elected to the Senate, I would support international development programs that have saved and improved millions of people’s lives around the world. Although they cost less than one percent of the federal budget, these programs are critical investments that pay huge dividends for America’s economic and national security interests.”

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(Senator Martin Heinrich)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
- Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  - 2014, 2016-2020: YES

International Affairs Funding
- Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding
  - 2017, 2018, 2019: YES
  - 2020 (COVID-19 International Response): NO

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): 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

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New Mexico Senator Tom Udall
Democrat (@SenatorTomUdall)

531 Hart Senate Office Building
202-224-6621

New Mexico Current Volunteers: 0 (38 pre-evacuation)
(New Mexico Volunteers in 1967: 63)
New Mexico Volunteers Since 1961: 2,285

Began Service in the Senate:  2009

State Offices: Albuquerque, Carlsbad, Las Cruces, Portales, Santa Fe

Committee Assignments: Appropriations: Commerce, Science and Transportation; Foreign Relations; Indian Affairs; Rules and Administration

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Udall 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.

Senator Udall sits on the Foreign Relations Committee, which has jurisdiction over most Peace Corps legislation.

Key Staff: Matthew Padilla (Peace Corps Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2014*, 2016*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2009-2014, 2016*
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Tom earned his undergraduate degree at Prescott College and obtained a Bachelor of Laws Degree from Cambridge University in 1975. He graduated from the University of New Mexico Law School in 1977. Tom then served as a Law Clerk to Chief Justice Oliver Seth of the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and became a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney’s criminal division. As Chief Counsel to the New Mexico Department of Health and Environment, he also fought for stronger environmental and health protections. In his spare time he enjoys tennis, fly-fishing, mountain climbing and staying involved in his community.

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(Senator Tom Udall)

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): Not currently a co-sponsor

Peace Corps Mission Accountability Act (S.2320) - Legislation opposed by NPCA
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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 2011
(Signed into law in 2011)
● 112th Congress (2011-12): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation
● Senator Udall 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): CO-SPONSOR

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New Mexico Representative
Debra Haaland
Democrat – 1st District (@RepDebHaaland)

1237 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-6316

New Mexico Current Volunteers: 0 (38 pre-evacuation)
(New Mexico Volunteers in 1967: 63)
Volunteers in the 1st District as of September 2016: 24
New Mexico Volunteers Since 1961: 2,285

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Alburquerque

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Natural Resources

Key Staff: Kevin Carriere (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: None

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

We must double down on our commitment to clean energy in New Mexico, which will create good paying jobs by harnessing the power of our natural resources. When a hardworking New Mexican wants to start or expand a small business, I want to make sure they have that opportunity. And, it's time we make smart investments in education and find real solutions that pull our kids and all New Mexicans out of poverty. Both of my parents served in the military, and I believe we have a duty to take care of veterans.
(Representative Debra Haaland)

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)

Peace Corps Caucus

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

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

● 116th Congress (2019-2020): CO-SPONSOR
● 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A

Public Service Federal Eligibility Protection Act of 2017 (HR 1442 in previous Congress)

● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
● 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A

INSPIRE Act (Promoting Peace Corps and other forms of national service) (TBD)

● 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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New Mexico Representative
Xochitl Torres Small
Democrat—2nd District (@RepTorresSmall)

430 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-2365

New Mexico Current Volunteers: 0 (38 pre-evacuation)
(New Mexico Volunteers in 1967: 63)
Volunteers in the 2nd District as of September 2015: 8
New Mexico Volunteers Since 1961: 2,285

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Belen, Carlsbad, Las Cruces, Roswell

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Homeland Security

Key Staff: Brooke Stuedell (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: None

From the Website (https://www.xochforcongress.com)

Growing up in Las Cruces, Xochitl Torres Small learned the New Mexico values of hard work, grit, and a commitment to make Southern New Mexico a better home for all of us.

Armed with a college degree, Xochitl returned home to Las Cruces to help the place that has given her so much. As a Field Representative for Senator Udall, Xochitl worked to increase cell phone service, broadband, and other communication lines in rural New Mexico. She worked with teachers, college instructors, and business leaders to create better job opportunities for local graduates. She also helped bring farmers, conservationists, and communities together to protect New Mexico’s water.

As a judicial law clerk for a federal judge, the Honorable Robert C. Brack, Xochitl worked on one of the heaviest criminal dockets in the country. Xochitl saw firsthand the personal costs and financial burden our nation bears because of its broken immigration system.

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(Representative Xochitl Torres Small)

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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New Mexico Representative Ben Lujan Democrat—3rd District (@repbenraylujan)

2323 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-6190

New Mexico Current Volunteers: 0 (38 pre-evacuation)
(New Mexico Volunteers in 1967: 63)
Volunteers in the 3rd District as of September 2016: 13
New Mexico Volunteers Since 1961: 2,285

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2009

District Offices: Santa Fe, Farmington, Gallup, Tucumcari, Las Vegas, Rio Rancho

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce

Key Staff: Todd Ringler (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: 2012* (with Rep. Lujan)

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

Representative Luján earned his Bachelor's degree from New Mexico Highlands University in Business Administration.

Prior to his election to Congress, Rep. Luján served as the Chairman of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission. As a Commissioner, Rep. Luján worked with his colleagues to develop a renewable portfolio standard to increase renewable energy production by New Mexico utilities to 20 percent of their total production by 2020 and to diversify utilities’ renewable portfolio to include solar energy.
(Representative Ben Lujan)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2009-2011, 2020: NO  
  2012-2019: 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): Not currently a member
- 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)

- 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): 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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