Montana Senator Steve Daines
Republican (@SteveDaines)

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Montana Current Volunteers: 54
(Montana Volunteers in 1965: 70)
Montana Volunteers Since 1961: 1,520

Began Service in the Senate: 2015

State Offices: Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls, Hardin, Helena, Kalispell, Missoula, Sidney

Committee Assignments: Appropriations; Energy and Natural Resources; Finance; Indian Affairs

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Daines plays an important role in determining how much funding is allocated for various federal programs. He also serves on the very important the State/Foreign Operations Subcommittee, which is responsible for recommending funding levels for the Peace Corps.

Key Staff: Dan Gerig (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2013* (while in House) 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- District Office Meetings: None

In August 2017, DC staff met with Drew Havea of Tonga, winner of NPCA's Harris Wofford Global Citizen Award.

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

A fifth-generation Montanan, Steve Daines brings 28 years of private-sector business experience to Washington, D.C. as he serves the people of Montana in the U.S. Senate. In 2000, Steve took on the role of VP of Customer Service for Right Now Technologies, a Bozeman-based start-up company that had around 100 employees at the time. The company grew rapidly and today is a publicly traded software company that employs more than 1,000 people—making it the largest commercial employer in Bozeman.
(Senator Steve Daines)

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)

● 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
Montana Senator Jon Tester
Democrat (@SenatorTester)

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Montana Current Volunteers: 54
(Montana Volunteers in 1965: 70)
Montana Volunteers Since 1961: 1,520

Began Service in the Senate: 2007

State Offices: Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Glendive, Great Falls, Helena, Kalispell, Missoula

Committee Assignments: Appropriations; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Indian Affairs; Veterans’ Affairs; Commerce, Science, and Transportation

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Tester 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: Simon Coons (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

After earning a degree in music from the College of Great Falls, Jon took over the Tester farm in 1978. He also taught music at F.E. Miley Elementary and eventually was elected to the Big Sandy School Board. In addition to farming and teaching, Jon and Sharla for years ran a custom butcher shop. Jon still butchers his own meat and regularly hauls it to Washington with him in a carry-on suitcase.
On the Issues

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

International Affairs Funding
- Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding
  2017, 2018: NO

Other

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- 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): 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 Tester 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): Did not co-sponsor
Montana Representative Greg Gianforte
Republican—at Large

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Montana Current Volunteers: 54
(Montana Volunteers in 1965: 70)
Montana Volunteers Since 1961: 1,520

Began Service in the House: 2017

District Offices: Billings, Helena

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce

Key Staff: Will Carraco (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://gregformontana.com)

I fell in love with Montana nearly 40 years ago when I first came to Montana on a school trip. I'm thankful to have built a life, started a small business, and raised a family in this state. That’s why I’m running for Congress – to serve the state that I love and ensure that Montana’s voice is always heard. Susan—my wife of 28 years—and I raised our four children in Bozeman hunting, fishing, rafting, climbing, skiing and backpacking on Montana’s public lands. We founded RightNow Technologies 20 years ago in our Bozeman home and grew it into the town’s largest commercial employer, creating over 500 high-paying Montana jobs, employees with an average Montana salary near $90,000 a year. I'm not a government insider. I spent my entire career creating jobs in the private sector – from mowing lawns as a teenager to founding five different start-up companies. I’ve worked to improve Montana’s economy through the “Better Montana Jobs” project and launched scholarship programs to help low-income Montana students and our veterans pursue the education and training they need to start a career in Montana.
(Representative Greg Gianforte)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

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

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