Florida Senator Rick Scott
Republican (@senrickscott)

716 Hart Senate Office Building
202-224-5274

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the Senate: 2019

District Offices: Orlando, Jacksonville, Pensacola, Tallahassee, Palm Beach Gardens, Tampa, Miami, Fort Myers

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Budget; Commerce, Science and Transportation; Homeland Security and Government Affairs; Aging

Key Staff: Paul Bonicelli (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: 2019*

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

Governor Rick Scott has spent each day as Florida’s 45th governor working to turn around Florida’s economy and secure the state’s future as the best place for families and businesses to succeed. Governor Scott grew up in public housing in the Midwest as his adoptive father, a World War II veteran and truck driver, and his mother, a store clerk, struggled to financially support their family. After marrying his high school sweetheart, Ann, Governor Scott joined the Navy and used the G.I. Bill to go to college and eventually open his first business – a donut shop so his mom could have a job. He ultimately ran the world’s largest healthcare company, with hundreds of thousands of employees from across the world.

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(Senator Rick Scott)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

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

International Affairs Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding
  2018: N/A

Other

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

● 116th Congress (2019-2020): LEAD SPONSOR
  Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Reform Act of 2018 (S. 2286)
  (signed into law in 2018)
  ● 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A

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

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Florida Senator Marco Rubio  
Republican (@marcorubio)  
284 Russell Senate Office Building  
202-224-3041  

Florida Current Volunteers: 341  
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585  

Began Service in the Senate: 2011  

State Offices: Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Pensacola, Tallahassee, Tampa, Palm Beach  

Committee Assignments: Appropriations; Foreign Relations; Select Committee on Intelligence; Small Business; Special Committee on Aging  

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Rubio plays an important role in determining how much funding is allocated for federal programs. He is also a member of the State/Foreign Operations Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over Peace Corps funding.  

Senator Rubio sits on the Foreign Relations Committee, which has jurisdiction over most Peace Corps legislation. He also serves on the sub-committee that deals directly with Peace Corps matters.  

Key Staff: Bethany Poulos (Foreign Policy Issues)  

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

In 2016, NPCA President Glenn Blumhorst and RPCV constituents met with the wife of Senator Rubio. In August 2017, DC staff met with Drew Havea of Tonga, winner of NPCA’s Harris Wofford Global Citizen Award.  

From The Website (www.rubio.senate.gov):  
My faith in America’s promise was shaped early on by my parents who left Cuba in 1956 and, after Fidel Castro solidified his communist grip, were never able to return. In America, my father Mario worked mostly as a bartender, while my mom worked different jobs through the years as a maid, cashier and retail clerk. I was born in Miami and spent my early years there, moved to Las Vegas for several years and eventually returned to Miami, where I live today with my wife Jeanette and our four children.  

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(Senator Marco Rubio)

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
  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): 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): 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): CO-SPONSOR
  ● Senator Rubio 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): N/A

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Florida Representative
Matt Gaetz (@Rep_Matt_Gaetz)
Republican—1st District

1721 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-4136

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 1st District as of Sep. 2016: 9
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: Pensacola

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Judiciary

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

Key Staff: Charles Truxal (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://mattgaetz.com/about/)

Matt Gaetz has been a lifelong advocate for Northwest Florida, having grown up in Okaloosa County. He is currently an attorney in Fort Walton Beach and has been a Constitutional conservative champion in the state legislature.

The son of Don and Vicky Gaetz, Matt grew up in Northwest Florida — graduating from Bluewater Elementary School, Ruckel Middle School and Niceville High School. After earning his Bachelors degree at Florida State University, Matt went on to graduate from the William & Mary Law School.

Matt resides in Fort Walton Beach and is a member of the First Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach. Matt is a Lifetime Member of the National Rifle Association.

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(Representative Matt Gaetz)

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: 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): 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): Did not co-sponsor

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Dr. Neal Dunn grew up in a multi-generation Army family and lived in over 20 stations before he left for college, including an 18-month tour in Vietnam during middle school. He was an Eagle Scout and National Merit Scholar before attending college. He received his BS from Washington & Lee University, his MD from George Washington University, and his Urological Residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. After medical school, he joined the US Army as a surgical intern. He continued his surgical career in many stations all over the world for almost 12 years before settling in Bay County, Florida in 1990.

Dr. Dunn has been a surgeon in Panama City for 25 years and in the US Army for over 10 years before that. He was the founding president of the Advanced Urology Institute, a 45-physician practice with over 400 employees and offices throughout North Florida.

Dr. Dunn represents the Second Congressional District of Florida and currently lives in Panama City, Florida with his wife Leah. In his free time, he enjoys hunting for quail and pheasant and spending time on the water. They are the proud parents of 3 sons (Alex, Patrick, and David) and 3 grandchildren.
(Representative Neal Dunn)

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: 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): 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): Did not co-sponsor

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Florida Representative Ted Yoho
Republican—3rd District (@RepTedYoho)

1730 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-5744

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 3rd District as of Sep. 2016: 15
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2013

District Offices: Gainesville, Orange Park

Committee Assignments: Agriculture; Foreign Affairs

Representative Yoho sits on the Foreign Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over most Peace Corps legislation.

Key Staff: Lauren Gillespie (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
● DC Meetings With Staff: 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018
● District Office Meetings: 2017* (met with Congressman)

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

Ted was born in Minnesota and moved to South Florida where he met his wife Carolyn in the 4th grade. Ted and Carolyn got married at 19 and began to work their way through college -- Carolyn as a court reporter and Ted packing vegetables at night.

After completing his AA degree at Broward Community College, Ted and Carolyn moved to Gainesville where Ted enrolled at the University of Florida. He graduated in 1983 with his Bachelor’s Degree in Animal Science and Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. Prior to serving in Congress, Ted owned several successful animal practices and worked as a large animal veterinarian in the community.
(Representative Ted Yoho)

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
● 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)

● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
● 113th Congress (2013-2014): Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)

(Signed into law in 2014)

● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a 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): N/A
● Representative Yoho also signed a 2014 letter to federal authorities urging more involvement in the investigation of the death of Peace Corps Volunteer Kate Puzey

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Florida Representative
John Rutherford (@RepRutherfordFL)
Republican—4th District

1711 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-2501

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 4th District as of Sep. 2016: 14
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: Jacksonville

Committee Assignments: Appropriations

Key Staff: Nicholas Vance (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
  ● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2019*
  ● DC Meetings With Staff: 2017, 2018
  ● District Office Meetings: 2017*, 2018(with lawmaker)*

From the Website (https://rutherford.house.gov/about/biography)

John has lived in Jacksonville, Florida since 1958, and attended Florida Junior College and Florida State University where he studied Criminology. He began his career in law enforcement in 1974 as a patrolman in the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office, working his way up through the JSO where he eventually served as Director of Corrections.

In 2003, John was elected Sheriff of Duval County. For three terms and twelve years, John ran a 3,200 employee office, and thanks to his effective leadership, violent crime in Jacksonville dropped to a 40-year low. John also served as Chair of the Florida Sheriff’s Association, where he advocated before the legislature for policies that strengthened constitutional rights, supported law enforcement and enhanced public safety across the state.

John has been happily married to his wonderful wife Pat for more than forty years. Their top priorities are their two children and six grandchildren, and they are also devoted members of Assumption Catholic Church in Jacksonville.

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Representative John Rutherford

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

Peace Corps Caucus

- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not join
- 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A

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): 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

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Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: Jacksonville, Tallahassee

Committee Assignments: Agriculture; Financial Services

Key Staff: Christian Pierrecanel (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: 2018*

From the Website (http://www.allawson.com/meet-al/)

Alfred “Al” Lawson, Jr. was born in Midway, Florida. As a fourth generation Floridian, Al Lawson’s roots run deep in North Florida. Lawson worked his first job in the Gadsden Community tobacco fields at the age of 8, learning the value of community and hard work. Al graduated from Havana Northside High School, where he was a standout student athlete. He went on to become a basketball star at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. Al chose to continue his education, earning a Master's of Science in Public Administration from Florida State University.

Al married his college sweetheart, Dr. Delores Brooks, who teaches at Florida A&M University’s School of Nursing. They have two adult children, Alfred III and Shani, and three grandchildren, Cameron, Kobe, and Samuel. The Lawsons are also active members of St. Michael’s and All Angels Episcopal Church.

Over the past 25 years, he has provided nearly $300,000 in academic scholarships to North Florida youth through his annual Capitol City Classic basketball tournament. As a past chair of the Tallahassee Urban League, he worked to improve the quality of housing for the economically disadvantaged and for senior citizens.

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(Representative Al Lawson)

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): 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): CO-SPONSOR
- 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A
Florida Representative Michael Waltz
Republican—6th District (@RepMichaelWaltz)

216 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-2706

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 6th District as of Sep. 2016: 13
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Palm Coast, Port Orange, Deland

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Science, Space, and Technology

Key Staff: Hector Arguello (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://michaelwaltz.com):

I’m a proud Florida native, a combat decorated Green Beret, a former Fox News Contributor, and a small business owner. I have served my country my entire life, attending the Virginia Military Institute and serving for 21 years in the U.S. Army to the rank of Lt. Colonel. I’ve served all over the world as a decorated Special Forces officer with multiple combat tours to Afghanistan and led the search for Bowe Berghdal. I was awarded four bronze stars including two for valor. I also served in the White House and the Pentagon during the Bush Administration as an advisor and policy director for counterterrorism. I am the father of a teenage girl and I plan to keep fighting for her and all of you in Congress just like I fought on the battlefield.
(Representative Michael Waltz)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: 2018-19: NO
- 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): 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): 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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Florida Representative
Stephanie Murphy (@RepStephMurphy)
Democrat—7th District

1710 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-4035

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 7th District as of Sep. 2016: 15
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: Orlando, Sanford

Committee Assignments: Ways and Means

Key Staff: John Laufer (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://stephaniemurphy.house.gov/biography/)

U.S. Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy was a businesswoman and college instructor after serving as a national security specialist in the Office of the U.S. Secretary of Defense where she received numerous awards for her distinguished service, including the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service. She worked on a wide range of security issues from counterterrorism, foreign military relations to strategic planning for the department. Prior to her public service, Stephanie was a strategy consultant at Deloitte Consulting.

Congresswoman Murphy holds a M.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and a B.A. in Economics from the College of William and Mary.

Stephanie lives in Winter Park, Florida, with her husband and two young children, Liem and Maya.

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(Representative Stephanie Murphy)

On the Issues

**Peace Corps Funding**
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  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
- 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
Florida Representative Bill Posey
Republican—8th District (@congbillposey)

2150 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-3671

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 8th District as of Sep. 2016: 11
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2009

District Offices: Melbourne

Committee Assignments: Financial Services; Science, Space, and Technology

Key Staff: Grace Reid (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.posey.house.gov):

Bill Posey was born in 1947 and attended Cocoa High where he met and later married his high school sweetheart, Katie. He graduated from Brevard Community College with an Associate of Arts degree in 1969.

Congressman Posey has long been an advocate for greater accountability in government and is the author of the book Activity Based Total Accountability. The American Legislative Exchange Council, the nation's oldest and largest bipartisan organization of state lawmakers, named Posey a "National Legislator of the Year" for his efforts to bring greater accountability to government. He is also an accomplished stock car racer, having received the award for short track driver achievement in memory of Davey & Clifford Allison presented by Bobby & Judy Allison.
(Representative Bill Posey)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2009-2019: NO
- 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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Florida Representative
Darren Soto (@RepDarrenSoto)
Democrat—9th District

1507 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-9889

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 9th District as of Sep. 2016: 15
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House: 2017

District Offices: Kissimmee

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Key Staff: Liana Guerra (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://soto.house.gov/about)

Darren entered public service to work for these hard-working Floridians. Serving for a decade in the Florida Legislature, he fought to create high paying jobs, increase access to higher education, and ensure clean water, land, and air for his constituents. Soto passed landmark legislation protecting families of fallen firefighters, giving victims of sexual assault more time to report their attackers, and allowing Dreamers to be admitted to the Florida Bar. He also secured $25 million to build a state of the art college campus in the District, helped provide $10 million to save Florida’s springs, and brought in $15 million for a high-tech sensors manufacturing facility.

The first Floridian of Puerto Rican descent to serve in Congress, Darren is proud to represent all the diverse people of the 9th District. Soto graduated from Rutgers University and George Washington University School of Law. His hobbies include playing guitar, pastel painting, and kayaking. Initially joining his local Orlando Young Democrats club to make friends, he was soon encouraged to run for the Florida House. At the age of 29, he ran, won, and has brought a sense of humility to public service ever since.

(Representative Darren Soto)

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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): 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): CO-SPONSOR
● 115th Congress (2017-18): 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
Florida Representative
Val Demings (@RepValDemings)
Democrat-10th District

217 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-2176

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 10th District as of Sep. 2016: 8
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: Orlando

Committee Assignments: Homeland Security; Judiciary; Intelligence

Key Staff: Aimee Collins-Mandeville (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://demings.house.gov/about)

Born in a two-room, wooden framed home in Jacksonville, Val Demings was the youngest of seven children. Her parents, Elouise, a maid, and James, a janitor, did all they could to support their seven children and instill in them the meaning of hard work.

Val took these lessons seriously, getting her first job at age 14, and became the first in her family to graduate from college. With her parents proudly at her side, she received a B.S. in Criminology from Florida State University...In 2007, Val Demings made history when she was appointed to serve as Orlando’s first female Chief of Police.

Val is married to Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings, and is a proud mother to 3 sons, and proud grandmother to 5. Val is an active member of St. Mark A.M.E., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Orlando Chapter of the Links, Inc., NAACP Silver Life Member, Florida Bar Citizens Advisory Committee, Florida Police Chiefs, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives, National Congress of Black Women, and numerous other affiliations.

Val enjoys spending her very limited free time riding her Harley-Davidson Road King Classic motorcycle. Val has completed the O.U.C. half marathon as well as the Walt Disney marathon.

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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: 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): 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
Florida Representative Daniel Webster
Republican—11th District (@RepWebster)

1210 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-1002

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 11th District as of Sep. 2016: 4
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2011

District Offices: Mineola, The Villages, Inverness, Brooksville

Committee Assignments: Natural Resources;

Key Staff: Jessica Thompson (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
  ● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
  ● DC Meetings With Staff: 2011, 2012*
  ● District Office Meetings: None

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

Known for many things, Daniel Webster still holds his faith, his family, and his principles as his biggest assets.

Webster is married to the former Sandra Jordan of Orlando, and they have six children: David, Brent, Jordan, Elizabeth, John, and Victoria, and seven grandchildren. Webster is active in his church, First Baptist Church of Central Florida.
(Representative Daniel Webster)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2011-2019: 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 co-sponsor
- 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) 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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Florida Representative Gus Bilirakis
Republican—12th District (@RepGusBilirakis)

2227 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-5755

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 12th District as of Sep. 2016: 19
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2007

District Offices: New Port Richey, Tarpon Springs, Wesley Chapel

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce; Veterans’ Affairs

Key Staff: Nathan Stamps (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
  ● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
  ● DC Meetings With Staff: 2012
  ● District Office Meetings: None

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

Gus earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Florida in 1986 and a J.D. from Stetson University in 1989. He interned for President Ronald Reagan and the National Republican Congressional Committee, and worked for former U.S. Representative Don Sundquist (R-TN). He also currently teaches government classes at St. Petersburg College.
(Representative Gus Bilirakis)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2007-2019: NO
● 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): Did not co-sponsor, but 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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Florida Representative Charlie Crist
Democrat-13th District (@Rep Charlie Crist)

215 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-5961

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 13th District as of Sep. 2016: 15
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: St. Petersburg

Committee Assignments: Appropriations; Science, Space and Technology

Key Staff: Ryan McGuire (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2017, 2018
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (http://crist.house.gov/biography/)

Charlie has spent his life’s work serving his fellow Floridians. He was elected to the Florida State Senate in 1992, where he championed environmental protection issues and public education. In 2000, after two terms in the Florida Senate, Charlie continued to push for education funding and better teacher pay as the state’s Education Commissioner. In 2002, he was elected Florida Attorney General, a role through which he fought for consumer protections, civil rights, and opportunities for at-risk youth.

Elected as Florida’s 44th Governor, Charlie furthered his commitment to public education, using federal stimulus funding to save thousands of teachers’ jobs. As a staunch environmental advocate, he also secured a landmark land acquisition to preserve the Florida Everglades, and fought to hold BP accountable after the 2010 oil spill that ravaged Florida’s coastline. He continued to lead efforts to protect civil rights, taking action to automatically restore voting rights of non-violent ex-felons and to extend voting hours across the state for all Floridians.

Charlie and his wife Carole reside in his hometown of St. Petersburg, Florida – “The Sunshine City.”

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(Representative Charlie Crist)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2017, 2018: YES   2019: 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): 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): Did not co-sponsor

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Florida Representative Kathy Castor
Democrat—14th District (@USRepKCastor)

2052 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-3376

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 14th District as of Sep. 2016: 13
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2007

District Offices: Tampa; St. Petersburg

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce; Climate Crisis

Key Staff: Lara Hopkins (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2012*, 2015
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Before her election to Congress, Castor served as a Hillsborough County Commissioner and chair of the Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission. In 2005, Castor was named as the Tampa Bay Business Journal's Woman of the Year in government.

Castor is a graduate of Tampa's Chamberlain High School, Emory University and Florida State University College of Law. Castor and her husband have two daughters. She is the daughter of former Hillsborough County Judge Don Castor and former University of South Florida President and statewide-elected Education Commissioner Betty Castor. She is the former President of the Florida Association of Women Lawyers and partner in a statewide law firm.
(Representative Kathy Castor)

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): 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): CO-SPONSOR
Florida Representative Ross Spano  
Republican—15th District

224 Cannon House Office Building  
202-225-1252

Florida Current Volunteers: 341  
Volunteers in the 15th District as of Sep. 2016: 15  
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Lakeland

Committee Assignments: Small Business; Transportation and Infrastructure

Key Staff: Logan Wright (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 (http://www.rossspano.com):

As a State Representative, Ross has been a consistent voice for families and small businesses, advocating for less regulation, lower taxes, higher paying jobs and safer communities.

He has fought to protect the most vulnerable among us, striving to eliminate human trafficking in Florida while punishing those who exploit children, attempt to defraud our seniors or target our Veterans.

A loving husband, father and grandfather, Ross is ready to continue his service now in Congress. As your Congressman, he will continue to fight for families and small businesses. He will lower healthcare costs while restoring the Doctor-Patient relationship. He will make the recent middle class tax cuts permanent, allowing you to keep more of your hard earned money, and will reduce burdensome regulations on small businesses, allowing them to invest, grow and create jobs.

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(Representative Ross Spano)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: 2018, 2019: 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 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
Florida Representative Vern Buchanan Republican—16th District (@VernBuchanan)

2427 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-5015

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 16th District as of Sep. 2016: 13
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2007

District Offices: Bradenton, Sarasota

Committee Assignments: Ways and Means

Key Staff: Don Green (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2009*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2015, 2017
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Vern Buchanan grew up with five siblings in a blue collar household in a small town near Detroit, Michigan. He served six years in the Air National Guard and worked his way through college.

In addition, Congressman Buchanan is a dedicated philanthropist, committing himself to diverse community causes, including the Boys and Girls Club, the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, the Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes, the American Heart Walk, the Mote Marine Laboratory, and the Ringling Museum of Art.
(Representative Vern Buchanan)
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2007-2019: NO
- 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
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Peace Corps Stamp Act (HR 325)
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
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Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)
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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) 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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A fifth generation Floridian, Greg Steube has dedicated his life to service. Greg earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Florida, majoring in Beef Cattle Sciences and minoring in Agricultural Law. Upon completing law school, Greg decided to enlist in the U.S. Army after the September 11th attacks. In the Army, Greg spent one year as a commissioned Airborne Infantry Officer, and three years in the U.S. Army JAG Corps, serving as a Captain with the 25th Infantry Division in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Greg’s service continued with his election to the State House in 2010, and the State Senate in 2016. In the Florida legislature, Greg used his background in agriculture, law, and the military to build a record of accomplishment and strong defense of conservative principles. Greg hopes to bring these conservative credentials to Congress.

From the Website (https://www.electgregsteube.com):
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2018-2019: 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): 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
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Peace Corps Stamp Act (HR 325)

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Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)

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- 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
Florida Representative Brian Mast  
Republican—18th District (@RepBrianMast)  
2182 Rayburn House Office Building  
202-225-3026  
Florida Current Volunteers: 341  
Volunteers in the 18th District as of Sep. 2016: 16  
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585  

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: Port St. Lucie

Committee Assignments: Foreign Affairs; Transportation

Congressman Mast sits on the Foreign Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over most Peace Corps legislation

Key Staff: Sarah Miller (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://mast.house.gov/about](https://mast.house.gov/about)

Prior to his election to Congress, Brian followed in his father’s footsteps by serving in the U.S. Army for more than 12 years, earning medals including The Bronze Star Medal, The Army Commendation Medal for Valor, The Purple Heart Medal, and The Defense Meritorious Service Medal. While deployed in Afghanistan, he worked as a bomb disposal expert under the elite Joint Special Operations Command. The last improvised explosive device that he found resulted in catastrophic injuries, which included the loss of both of his legs.

Brian remained on active duty following the injuries and provided expertise to the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms during his recovery process. After his retirement from the Army, he continued working in counter-terrorism and national defense as an Explosive Specialist with the Department of Homeland Security. Brian subsequently received a degree from the Harvard Extension School and volunteered to serve alongside the Israel Defense Forces to show support for the freedom Israel represents throughout the Middle East and the world.

Brian lives in Palm City, Florida with his wife Brianna and three children, Magnum, Maverick and Madeline.

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(Representative Brian Mast)

On the Issue

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: 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): 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

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Florida Representative
Francis Rooney (@RepRooney)
19th District – Republican

120 Cannon House Office Building
(202) 225-2536

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 19th District as of Sep. 2016: 16
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: Cape Coral, Naples

Committee Assignments: Foreign Affairs; Education and the Workplace; Joint Economic

Congressman Rooney sits on the Foreign Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over most Peace Corps legislation.

Key Staff: Joe Bartlett (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: [http://francisrooney.house.gov/biography/](http://francisrooney.house.gov/biography/)

Francis Rooney is a successful businessman who brings decades of private sector experience to Washington. He and his family started Rooney Holdings, Inc., a diversified, international group of companies based in Naples, Florida. Since 1984 RHI has created jobs and economic opportunities in Southwest Florida and throughout the United States.

Rooney and his family have a longstanding tradition of public and community service. He was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as U.S. Ambassador to The Holy See from 2005 to 2008 and has also served on numerous public and private boards, including Naples Community Hospital, the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation, The Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress and the Advisory Commission of the Panama Canal.

A graduate of Georgetown University (A.B. 1975) and Georgetown University Law Center (J.D. 1978), Rooney has honorary degrees from the University of Notre Dame (2006) and the University of Dallas (2010). He and his wife, Kathleen, live in Southwest Florida and have three children and two grandchildren.

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(Representative Francis Rooney)

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: 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): 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
Florida Representative Alcee L. Hastings
Democrat—20th District (@RepHastingsFL)

2353 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-1313

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 20th District as of Sep. 2016: 16
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1993

District Offices: Broward County (Fort Lauderdale); Palm Beach County (Mangonia Park)

Committee Assignments: Rules

Key Staff: Tom Carnes (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
  ● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
  ● DC Meetings With Staff: 2008, 2011, 2014
  ● District Office Meetings: None

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

Born in Altamonte Springs, he attended Florida's public schools, and graduated from Fisk University in 1958. He earned his law degree from Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

Known to many as "Judge," Alcee Hastings has distinguished himself as an attorney, civil rights activist, judge, and now Member of Congress. Appointed by President Jimmy Carter in 1979, he became the first African-American Federal Judge in the State of Florida, and served in that position for 10 years.

On the House Floor
(excerpt March 4, 2010) “the Peace Corps has become a symbol of America's commitment to expand opportunities and assist those in need throughout the world.”

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(Representative Alcee L. Hastings)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2008-2010, 2012-2019: YES
- Co-Sponsored Peace Corps Funding Legislation:
  2008, 2009: YES
- 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
- 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)

- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
- 2013-2016: Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Stamp Act (HR 325)

- 115th Congress (2017-18): CO-SPONSOR
- 114th Congress (2015-16) Did not co-sponsor
- 113th Congress (2013-14) 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)


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

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Florida Representative Lois Frankel
Democrat—21st District (@RepLoisFrankel)

2305 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-9890

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 22nd District as of Sep. 2016: 5
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2013

District Offices: Boca Raton

Committee Assignments: Appropriations

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Congresswoman Frankel plays an important role in determining how much funding is allocated for various federal programs. She is also a member of State/Foreign Operations Subcommittee, which has direct jurisdiction over Peace Corps funding.

Key Staff: Daniel Bleiberg (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

Lois is a results-oriented leader who has always been on the side of South Floridians, dating to her work as an attorney in Palm Beach County. In eight years as mayor, she worked tirelessly to bring jobs and opportunity to West Palm Beach while balancing the budget. Even during challenging economic times, Lois led the effort to expand the marine industry and oversaw the remarkable revitalization of the downtown district and made West Palm Beach a more attractive place for companies to do business.

As a mother who watched her son, a proud Marine veteran, serve our country in Iraq and Afghanistan, Lois knows what it’s like for our military men and women and families to sacrifice.

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(Representative Lois Frankel)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2013-2014, 2019: NO
  2015-2018: 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): 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)
- 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): N/A
Florida Representative Ted Deutch
Democrat—22nd District (@RepTedDeutch)

2447 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-3001

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 21st District as of Sep. 2016: 3
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2010

District Offices: Margate, Boca Raton, Coral Springs

Committee Assignments: Foreign Affairs; Ethics; Judiciary

Congressman Deutch sits on the Foreign Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over most Peace Corps legislation.

Key Staff: Casey Kustin (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2011, 2013, 2016, 2019
- District Office Meetings: 2013* (meeting with Rep. Deutch)

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

Born and raised in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, Ted is the youngest son of Jean and the late Bernard Deutch, a World War II veteran who earned a Purple Heart during the Battle of the Bulge. A graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Michigan Law School, Ted's passion for public service earned him the prestigious Harry S. Truman Scholarship.

(concerning foreign affairs): will always advocate for a strong and smart foreign policy aimed at strengthening our national security, protecting Israel’s right to exist, eliminating the threat posed by Iran’s nuclear weapons program, and advancing human rights.
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  - 2010-2011: NO
  - 2012-2019: 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): MEMBER
- 2013-2016: MEMBER

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)

- 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)

- 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

- 112th Congress (2011-12): CO-SPONSOR
- Representative Deutch also signed a 2014 letter to federal authorities urging more involvement in the investigation of the death of Peace Corps Volunteer Kate Puzey

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Florida Representative
Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Democrat—23rd District (@RepDWStweets)

1114 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-7931

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in 23rd District as of Sep. 2016: 22
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2005

District Offices: Aventura, Pembroke Pines

Committee Assignments: Appropriations; Oversight and Government Reform

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz 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: Lauren Wolman (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- District Office Meetings: 2012, 2015*

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

Debbie Wasserman Schultz was born in 1966 on Long Island, NY. She attended the University of Florida and graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science in 1988 and with a Master’s Degree in 1990. She has been married to Steve Schultz for more than 20 years and together they have three children. The Congresswoman is proud to call South Florida home where she resides with her family in Weston.

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(Representative Debbie Wasserman)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  - 2005-2010, 2019: NO
  - 2011-2018: YES
- Co-Sponsored Peace Corps Funding Legislation:
  - 2008: NO
  - 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

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a member
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not join
- 114th Congress (2015-16): Did not join
- 113th Congress (2013-14): MEMBER

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)

- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
- 114th Congress (2015-16): Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)


Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)

- 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) Did not vote

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011

- 112th Congress (2011-12): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation.

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Florida Representative Frederica Wilson
Democrat—24th District (@RepWilson)

2445 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-4506

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 24th District as of Sep. 2016: 7
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2011

District Offices: Miami Gardens, Miramar, Pembroke Pines, West Park

Committee Assignments: Education and the Workforce; Transportation

Key Staff: Jean Roseme (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2011, 2018
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Congresswoman Wilson earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Fisk University in 1963 and a Master of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Miami in 1972. After graduating, she served as a teacher and as assistant educational coordinator for Head Start in Miami and later, as Assistant Principal and Principal of Skyway Elementary School. In 1992, under her leadership, Skyway Elementary was honored by Education Secretary Lamar Alexander as part of President George H.W. Bush’s “America 2000” plan to upgrade national education standards. From 1992 to 1998, Congresswoman Wilson served on the Miami-Dade County School Board, where she successfully led an effort to integrate African-American history into the Miami-Dade County Public Schools curriculum.

(concerning foreign affairs): “America is still the strongest, wealthiest nation on earth. We must continue to do our part to reduce poverty, raise living standards, and strengthen cooperation globally.”

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(Representative Frederica Wilson)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2011: NO
  2012-2019: 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: 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): 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): CO-SPONSOR
Florida Representative Mario Diaz-Balart
Republican—25th District (@MarioDB)

404 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-4211

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 25th District as of Sep. 2016: 4
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2003

District Offices: Doral, Naples

Committee Assignments: Appropriations

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Congressman Diaz-Balart plays an important role in determining how much funding is allocated for various federal programs. He is not a member of the very important State/Foreign Operations Subcommittee, which has direct jurisdiction over Peace Corps funding.

Key Staff: Gisselle Reynolds (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- District Office Meetings: 2014*, 2015, 2017*

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

Diaz-Balart was born on September 25, 1961 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to Rafael and Hilda Diaz-Balart, and the youngest of four brothers (Rafael, Lincoln, and Jose). He studied Political Science at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

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(Representative Mario Diaz-Balart)
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: 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
● Representative Diaz-Balart also signed a 2014 letter to federal authorities urging more involvement in the investigation of the death of Peace Corps Volunteer Kate Puzey

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Florida Representative
Debbie Mucarsel-Powell
Democrat - 26th District (@repdmp)

114 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-2778

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 26th District as of Sep. 2016: 17
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Miami, Key West

Committee Assignments: Judiciary; Transportation and Infrastructure

Key Staff: Laura Rodriguez (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://debbiemucarselpowell.com):

Debbie Mucarsel-Powell immigrated to the United States as a young girl with her mother and sisters in search of opportunities to better their lives. To help her family make ends meet, she started working at 15 years old. But even while Debbie worked her way through high school, she never let a job get in the way of working hard in school and earning the grades she needed to get a scholarship to attend Pitzer College where she studied Political Science. After completing her Bachelor’s Degree, Debbie worked as an office manager at a shipping company to save money to pay her way through graduate school. In 1996, Debbie graduated from Claremont University with a Master’s Degree in International Political Economy.

Debbie has spent the last twenty-years dedicated to improving the lives of underserved communities in Miami-Dade, working for non-profit organizations such as the Hope Center, Zoo Miami Foundation, and the Coral Restoration Foundation, and since 2003 at the College of Health at Florida International University and, since its inception, the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. Debbie has worked tirelessly to establish and grow the Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP program at FIU and improve healthcare access for more Floridians.

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On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: 2018, 2019: 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 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
Florida Representative Donna Shalala
Democrat - 27th District (@RepShalala)

1320 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-3931

Florida Current Volunteers: 341
Volunteers in the 27th District as of Sep. 2016: 5
Florida Volunteers Since 1961: 8,585

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Miami

Committee Assignments: Education and Labor; Rules

Key Staff: Ben Talus (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2019
- DC Meetings With Staff: N/A
- District Office Meetings: N/A

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

Donna E. Shalala has spent her entire life fighting to improve the lives of others. A lifelong Democrat, and the former president of the University of Miami, she has advocated tirelessly for women’s rights, civil rights, increased access to health care, better education and schools and a clean, sustainable environment.

She was appointed by President Bill Clinton to serve as the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) where she served for eight years, becoming the longest serving HHS Secretary in U.S. history. Donna has lived in Pinecrest and Coral Gables for 17 years and is unapologetic in her love for South Florida’s natural beauty, its rich culture and its diverse people.
(Representative Donna Shalala)

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

- 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A

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