Washington Senator Patty Murray
Democrat (@PattyMurray)

154 Russell Senate Office Building
202-224-2621

Washington Current Volunteers: 0 (248 pre-evacuation)
(Washington Volunteers in 1966: 470)
Washington Volunteers Since 1961: 9,980

Began Service in the Senate: 1993

State Offices: Everett, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Vancouver, Yakima

Committee Assignments: Appropriations; Budget; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Veterans’ Affairs

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Murray 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.

Senator Murray also sits on the Budget Committee, which puts forth a budget blueprint each year for federal spending, including proposed funding levels for international affairs programs.

Key Staff: Ryan Pettit (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

From the Website (www.murray.senate.gov):
Patty was raised in Bothell, Washington. Her dad ran a five and dime store on Main Street, where she and her siblings all worked growing up. As a twin and one of seven children, she quickly learned the value of a strong work ethic and a country that supports those who fall on hard times when her father fell ill when she was 15. Patty’s father – a World War II veteran and a Purple Heart recipient – was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and in a few short years, his illness got so bad he couldn’t work anymore.

Patty met her husband of over 40 years, Rob Murray, while attending Washington State University. They have two grown children, Sara and Randy. Patty enjoys fishing, exploring Washington State’s great outdoors and spending time with her family.

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(Senator Patty Murray)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding
  2006-2020: NO

International Affairs Funding

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

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


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

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

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

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

Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Reform Act of 2018 (S. 2286)
(signed into law in 2018)

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

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (S. 2291)

- 113th Congress (2013-14): CO-SPONSOR

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

- 112th Congress (2011-12): 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 Murray was part of a 2014 letter urging further investigation into the death of Kate Puzey.

Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act
(Not signed into law)

- 111th Congress (2009-10): CO-SPONSOR

Senator Murray 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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Washington Senator Maria Cantwell
Democrat (@SenatorCantwell)

511 Hart Senate Office Building
202-224-3441

Washington Current Volunteers: 0 (248 pre-evacuation)
(Washington Volunteers in 1966: 470)
Washington Volunteers Since 1961: 9,980

Began Service in the Senate: 2001

State Offices: Richland, Everett, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Vancouver

Committee Assignments: Commerce, Science and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Finance; Indian Affairs; Small Business

Key Staff: Jonathan Hale (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

With the help of Pell Grants, Maria was the first member of her family to graduate college. Later, a successful businesswoman in Washington's hi-tech industry, she helped build a company that created hundreds of high-paying jobs from the ground up.
(Senator Maria Cantwell)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

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

International Affairs Funding

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

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


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

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

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

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

Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Reform Act of 2018 (S. 2286)
(signed into law in 2018)

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

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (S. 2291)

- 113th Congress (2013-14): CO-SPONSOR

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (S. 230)

- 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

Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act
(Not signed into law)

- 111th Congress (2009-10): Did not co-sponsor
Washington Representative
Suzan DelBene
Democrat—1st District (@RepDelBene)

2330 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-6311

Washington Current Volunteers: 0 (248 pre-evacuation)
(Washington Volunteers in 1966: 470)
Volunteers in the 1st District as of September 2016: 51
Washington Volunteers Since 1961: 9,980

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2013

District Offices: Bothell, Mount Vernon

Committee Assignments: Ways and Means

Key Staff: Shantanu Tata (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

From the Website (www.delbene.house.gov):
DelBene spent part of her early childhood in Newport Hills and Mercer Island. After fourth grade, her family moved all over the country in search of work. She earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from Reed College. Suzan then worked in the biotechnology industry before earning an MBA from the University of Washington and embarking on a successful career as a technology leader. She helped to start drugstore.com as its vice president of marketing and store development, and served as CEO and president of Nimble Technology, a business software company based on technology developed at University of Washington.

She served as a volunteer supporting the YWCA’s program to provide transitional housing and job training for struggling women and families. Suzan was a senior advisor to Global Partnerships, a non-profit focused on supporting microfinance programs to serve people in Latin America.
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2013-2015: NO
  2016-2020: YES
- 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: NO (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

Peace Corps Caucus

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a member
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not join
- 2013-2016: Did not join

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


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

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

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)

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

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
- 2013-2016: Did not co-sponsor

Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)
  (Signed into law in 2018)
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsored
- 114th Congress (2015-16): Did not co-sponsored

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)


Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
  (Signed into law in 2014)
- 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

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Washington Representative Rick Larsen
Democrat—2nd District (@RepRickLarsen)

2113 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-2605

Washington Current Volunteers: 0 (248 pre-evacuation)
(Washington Volunteers in 1966: 470)
Volunteers in the 2nd District as of September 2016: 22
Washington Volunteers Since 1961: 9,980

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2001

District Offices: Bellingham, Everett

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Transportation

Key Staff: Jonathan Golden (Peace Corps 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 (www.larsen.house.gov):

Born in Arlington, Washington, Representative Larson attended Pacific Lutheran University and the University of Minnesota, earning a master's degree in public affairs. He formerly worked as director of public affairs for the Washington State Dental Association and as a lobbyist for the dental profession.

The Larsen family has been building a legacy in the Second Congressional District for more than a century. Rick and his wife, Tiia, are the proud parents of two sons, Robert and Per (pronounced “Pair”), who represent the fifth generation of Larsens in the district.

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(Representative Rick Larsen)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2005-2014: NO
  2015-2020: YES
- Co-Sponsored Peace Corps Funding Legislation:
  2008, 2009: NO
- 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: NO (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

Peace Corps Caucus

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a member
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not join
- 2013-2016: Did not join

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


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

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

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)

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

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
- 2013-2016: Did not co-sponsor

Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)
  (Signed into law in 2018)

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

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)

- 113th Congress (2013-2014): Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
  (Signed into law in 2014)

- 111th Congress (2009-10): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation
- 112th Congress (2011-12): Did not co-sponsor
- 113th Congress (2013-14): Did not co-sponsor
- 1/13/14 House Vote to Support Commemorative (passed 387 – 7) YES

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
  (Signed into law in 2011)

- 112th Congress (2011-12): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation
- Representative Larsen 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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Washington Representative
Jaime Herrera Beutler (@HerreraBeutler)

Republican—3rd District
2352 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-3536

Washington Current Volunteers: 0 (248 pre-evacuation)
(Washington Volunteers in 1966: 470)
Volunteers in the 3rd District as of September 2016: 27
Washington Volunteers Since 1961: 9,980

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2011

District Offices: Vancouver, Chehalis

Committee Assignments: Appropriations

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Congresswoman Herrera Beutler 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: Jordan Evich (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2011*
● DC Meetings With Staff: 2016, 2017, 2018
● District Office Meetings: None

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

Growing up, Jaime graduated from Prairie High School and was a member of the Prairie’s women’s basketball team. She also participated in activities like 4-H, fishing at Battle Ground Lake on opening day and swimming in the Lewis River. Jaime has a deep appreciation for what makes Southwest Washington special.

Jaime attended the University of Washington, earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications. During that time she held temporary positions in both the Washington State Senate and in Washington, D.C. at the White House Office of Political Affairs. Those opportunities sparked her interest in government and serving the people of Washington through public office.

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On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2011-2020: 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
- 2013-2016: Did not join

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation

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

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
- 2013-2016: Did not co-sponsor

Other
- Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)
  (Signed into law 2018)
- 116th Congress (2018-19): Did not co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
- 114th Congress (2015-16): Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)
- 113th Congress (2013-2014): Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
  (Signed into law in 2014)
- 112th Congress (2011-12): Did not co-sponsor
- 113th Congress (2013-14): Did not co-sponsor
- 1/13/14 House Vote to Support Commemorative (passed 387 – 7) Did not vote

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
  (Signed into law in 2011)
- 112th Congress (2011-12): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation

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Washington Representative
Dan Newhouse
Republican—4th District (@RepNewhouse)

1414 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-5816

Washington Current Volunteers: 0 (248 pre-evacuation)
(Washington Volunteers in 1966: 470)
Volunteers in the 4th District as of September 2016: 22
Washington Volunteers Since 1961: 9,980

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2015

District Offices: Yakima

Committee Assignments: Appropriations

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

Key Staff: Travis Martinez (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://newhouse.house.gov/):

Dan served four terms as a legislator in the Washington State House of Representatives, representing the 15th Legislative District from 2003 to 2009. In the Legislature, Dan earned a reputation as a principled conservative willing to work with colleagues to support policies that foster economic growth. From 2009 to 2013, Dan served as Director of Washington State’s Department of Agriculture, where he listened to the concerns of Washington farmers and promoted the state’s agricultural resources.

Dan attended Washington State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics. Dan is also a graduate of the Washington Agriculture and Forestry Leadership Program.

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Representative Dan Newhouse

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding:
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2015-2020: NO
- 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: NO (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

Peace Corps Caucus
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a member
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not join
- 114th Congress (2015-16): Did not join

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation

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

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
- 114th Congress (2015-16): Did not co-sponsor

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
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Not currently a co-sponsor

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
(Signed into law in 2014)
(Not Applicable)

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
(Signed into law in 2011)
(Not Applicable)

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Washington Representative
Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Republican—5th District (@cathymcmorris)

1035 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-2006

Washington Current Volunteers: 0 (248 pre-evacuation)
(Washington Volunteers in 1966: 470)
Volunteers in the 5th District as of September 2016: 25
Washington Volunteers Since 1961: 9,980

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2005

District Offices: Colville, Spokane, Walla Walla

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce

Key Staff: Mathew Cardenas (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2011*, 2013*, 2020*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2016*, 2018*
- District Office Meetings: 2014*, 2017*, 2019*

From The Website (www.mcmorris.house.gov):

Cathy is the descendant of pioneers who settled in Walla Walla in 1853. Growing up, Cathy worked on the family orchard side-by-side with her parents and younger brother. She worked in the family owned and operated business, the Peachcrest Fruit Basket Orchard and Fruit Stand, in Kettle Falls, Washington for 13 years.

Cathy was the first person in her family to attend and graduate from college. She worked her way through Pensacola Christian College in Florida (Class of 1990) and later earned her Executive MBA from the University of Washington (Class of 2002).

In her personal time, Cathy enjoys playing the piano, swimming, and reading American history.
(Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2005-2020: 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 Specific COVID-19 Legislation


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

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

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)

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

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
● 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
● 2013-2016: Did not co-sponsor

Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)
(Signed into law in 2018)

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

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)

● 113th Congress (2013-2014): Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
(Signed into law in 2014)

● 111th Congress (2009-10): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation
● 112th Congress (2011-12): Did not co-sponsor
● 113th Congress (2013-14): Did not a co-sponsor
● 1/13/14 House Vote to Support Commemorative (passed 387 – 7) YES

Kate Puzye Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
(Signed into law in 2011)

● 112th Congress (2011-12): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation
As someone born and raised on the Olympic Peninsula by two public school teachers and as the father of two girls, Derek knows the challenges facing Washington’s families. Seeing the economic struggles of his hometown led Derek to pursue an education focused on economic development. Derek received a bachelors' degree from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs. Derek went on to receive a doctoral degree from the University of Oxford in England where he studied social policy with a focus on economic development.
(Representative Derek Kilmer)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2013-2014: YES
  2015-2020: NO
- 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: NO (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

Peace Corps Caucus

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

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


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

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

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)

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

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
- 114th Congress (2015-16): CO-SPONSOR
- 113th Congress (2013-14): 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): CO-SPONSOR

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)


Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
(Signed into law in 2014)

- 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 Kilmer 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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Washington Representative
Pramila Jayapal (@RepJayapal)
Democrat—7th District

1510 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-3106

Washington Current Volunteers: 0 (248 pre-evacuation)
(Washington Volunteers in 1966: 470)
Volunteers in the 7th District as of September 2016: 52
Washington Volunteers Since 1961: 9,980

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: Seattle

Committee Assignments: Judiciary; Budget; Education and Labor

Congresswoman Jayapal sits on the Budget Committee, which puts forth a budget blueprint each year for federal spending, including proposed funding levels for international affairs.

Key Staff: Jessica Mulligan (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

From the Website (https://jayapal.house.gov/about)
The first Indian-American woman in the House of Representatives, Jayapal worked after college as a financial analyst on Wall Street. During her years at business school, she became interested in applying her business skills for social good, working on economic development issues in South Chicago, and then spending the summer working on rural economic development issues for a private nonprofit organization in Thailand.

Jayapal began working in international public health in 1991 at Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH), a nonprofit based in Seattle. At PATH, she served several years as director of the Fund for Technology Transfer, a loan fund that had tremendous success providing capital for socially responsible health projects, including primary health clinics, small businesses, and micro-credit programs across Africa, Latin America and Asia. Jayapal became a Fellow of the Institute of Current World Affairs, living for two years in villages and small towns across her birth country of India, exploring development issues.
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2017-20: 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 Specific COVID-19 Legislation


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

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

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)

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

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
- 114th Congress (2015-16): 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
I have spent my career listening to and helping solve problems with thousands of patients and their families across the 8th District, and I will bring that same dedication and understanding to my work as your representative in Congress.

I am a pediatrician, a wife, and a mom with deep roots in the 8th District. I’ve built a pediatrics practice here over the past 16 years, taking care of thousands of children and their families from all over the region. Our son goes to our local public school, which we strongly support with our time, energy and advocacy. I love my job and my patients, and never thought I would do anything else. But the last election and the utter failure of this Congress to provide checks and balances, or to work together on just about anything has compelled me to step up. Healthcare has always been my passion. I was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes as a teenager. Spending all that time in doctors’ offices led to my career as a pediatrician. I know firsthand what it means to worry about health insurance and rising costs.
(Representative Kim Schrier)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2019, 2020: YES
● 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps
  Funding: NO (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

Peace Corps Caucus

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

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


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

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

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)

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

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
● 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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Washington Representative Adam Smith
Democrat—9th District (@RepAdamSmith)

2264 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-8901

Washington Current Volunteers: 0 (248 pre-evacuation)
(Washington Volunteers in 1966: 470)
Volunteers in the 9th District as of September 2016: 14
Washington Volunteers Since 1961: 9,980

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1997

District Offices: Renton

Committee Assignments: Armed Services (Ranking Member)

Key Staff: Connor Stubbs (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2011*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2016, 2020
- District Office Meetings: None

From The Website (www.adamsmith.house.gov):

Adam attended Bow Lake Elementary, Chinook Middle School, and Tyee High School, graduating from Tyee in 1983.

After a year at Western Washington University, Adam transferred to Fordham University, where he worked his way through college loading trucks for United Parcel Service and graduated in 1987 with a degree in Political Science. Following his graduation, Adam attended the University Of Washington School Of Law, and earned his law degree in 1990. He later worked in both private and public practice, first as a lawyer at Cromwell, Mendoza and Belur in 1992, and then as a prosecutor for the City of Seattle from 1993-1995. As a prosecutor, Adam focused on drunk driving and domestic violence cases, and in 1996, went on to work as a judge pro tempore.

(concerning foreign affairs): The United States must take a global approach to world leadership, particularly on issues such as global poverty. Our country is so large and so prosperous that every nation in the world is touched by us, whether it's through McDonald's, Microsoft, or monetary policy. Like it or not, we are the most powerful nation in the world and we must provide positive leadership and promote American values.

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(Representative Adam Smith)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2005, 2016: NO
  2006-2015, 2017-20: YES
- Co-Sponsored Peace Corps Funding Legislation:
  2008, 2009: NO
- 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: NO (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

Peace Corps Caucus

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a member
- 115th Congress (2017-18): MEMBER
- 114th Congress (2015-16): MEMBER

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


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

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

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)

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

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
- 2013-2016: Did not co-sponsor

Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)
(Signed into law in 2018)

- 115th Congress (2017-18): CO-SPONSOR
- 114th Congress (2015-16): 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) Did not vote

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
(Signed into law in 2011)

- 116th Congress (2018-19): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 112th Congress (2011-12): CO-SPONSOR
- Representative Smith also signed a 2014 letter to federal authorities urging more involvement in the investigation of the death of Peace Corps Volunteer Kate Puzey
Washington Representative Denny Heck
Democrat—10th District (@RepDennyHeck)

2452 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-9740

Washington Current Volunteers: 0 (248 pre-evacuation)
(Washington Volunteers in 1966: 470)
Volunteers in the 10th District as of September 2016: 26
Washington Volunteers Since 1961: 9,980

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2013

District Offices: Tacoma, Lacey

Committee Assignments: Financial Services; Intelligence

Key Staff: Nick Vargish (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
  ● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2015
  ● DC Meetings With Staff: 2011*, 2019, 2020*
  ● District Office Meetings: 201* (Met with Congressman)

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

In the decade prior to his election to Congress, Congressman Heck successfully grew several small businesses in Washington State. One of those small businesses, which specializes in workplace education, was started in Olympia with only two employees. Today it employs more than 300 people throughout the United States and has continued to grow in recent years. Congressman Heck was also an original investor in Real Networks, the digital entertainment company that pioneered streaming media on the Internet.

Congressman Heck is a native Washingtonian and graduated from The Evergreen State College in 1973.
(Representative Denny Heck)

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): MEMBER
- 114th Congress (2015-16): MEMBER
- 113th Congress (2013-14): Did not join

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation


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

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

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)


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)

- 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)


Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
(Signed into law in 2014)

- 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

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