Connecticut Senator Richard Blumenthal
Democrat (@SenBlumenthal)

706 Hart Senate Office Building
202-224-2823

Connecticut Current Volunteers: 88
(Connecticut Volunteers in 1966: 318)
Connecticut Volunteers Since 1961: 3,595

Began Service in the Senate: 2011

State Offices: Hartford; Bridgeport

Committee Assignments: Aging; Armed Services; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Judiciary; Veterans’ Affairs

Key Staff: Kim Quarantello (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

Senator Blumenthal graduated from Harvard College (Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude), and Yale Law School, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the Yale Law Journal. From 1970 to 1976 he served in the United States Marine Corps Reserves, and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant.


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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: YES

Other

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

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

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

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

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (S. 2291)

● 113th Congress (2013-14): 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

Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act

(Not signed into law)

● 111th Congress (2009-10): N/A
Connecticut Senator Chris Murphy
Democrat (@SenMurphyOffice)

136 Hart Senate Office Building
202-224-4041

Connecticut Current Volunteers: 88  
(Connecticut Volunteers in 1966: 318)
Connecticut Volunteers Since 1961: 3,595

Began Service in the U. S. Senate: 2013
Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2007

State Offices: Hartford

Committee Assignments: Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Appropriations

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

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Murphy plays an important role in determining how much funding is allocated for various federal programs. He also sits on the very important State/Foreign Operations Subcommittee which makes direct recommendations on the level of Peace Corps funding.

Key Staff: Jessica Elledge (Peace Corps Issues)

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

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2008, 2011
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2013*, 2015*, 2017*, 2018*
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Senator Murphy grew up in Wethersfield, Connecticut, and attended Williams College in Massachusetts, graduating with honors and a double major in history and political science. In 2002, he graduated from UConn Law School in Hartford, Connecticut. He practiced real estate and banking law from 2002-2006 with the firm of Ruben, Johnson & Morgan in Hartford.

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(Senator Chris Murphy)
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: New member
- 2014, 2016-2019: YES

International Affairs Funding

- Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding
  2017, 2018: YES

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): CO-SPONSOR

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (S. 230)
(Signed into law 2014)
- 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A
- 113th Congress (2013-14): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
(Signed into law in 2011)
- 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A
- Senator Murphy also signed a 2014 letter to federal authorities urging more involvement in the investigation of the death of Peace Corps Volunteer Kate Puzey

( Senator Murphy joins the Senate after three terms representing Connecticut’s 5th District in the U.S. House. While serving in the House, Murphy was a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The following represents action opportunities while he served in the House.)

Peace Corps Funding: As a Congressman, Murphy signed onto House Dear Colleague letters urging support for increased Peace Corps funding. He signed all letters from 2007 - 2012. He co-sponsored Peace Corps funding legislation in 2008. He also signed a letter to the President urging increased Peace Corps funding in his Fiscal Year 2012 budget.

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Connecticut Representative John Larson
Democrat—1st District (@RepJohnLarson)

1501 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-2265

Connecticut Current Volunteers: 88
(Connecticut Volunteers in 1966: 318)
Volunteers in the 1st District as of Sep. 2016: 31
Connecticut Volunteers Since 1961: 3,595

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1999

District Offices: Hartford

Committee Assignments: Ways & Means

Key Staff: Srdan “Serj” Banjac (Peace Corps Issues)

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

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

Larson was born on July 22, 1948 in Hartford, Connecticut. He and his seven brothers and sisters were raised in Mayberry Village, a public housing project in East Hartford by their parents, Raymond and Pauline.

John Larson graduated from East Hartford High School in 1967 and from Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) in 1971. Larson was later selected by Dr. Edward Zigler, the creator of Head Start, to be a Senior Fellow at the Yale Bush Center for Child Development.

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(Representative John Larson)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2010, 2015-2019: 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 Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)

● 116th Congress (2019-2020): 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)

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

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

● 112th Congress (2011-12): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation
Connecticut Representative Joe Courtney
Democrat—2nd District (@RepJoeCourtney)

2332 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-2076

Connecticut Current Volunteers: 88
(Connecticut Volunteers in 1966: 318)
Volunteers in the 2nd District as of Sep. 2016: 20
Connecticut Volunteers Since 1961: 3,595

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2007

District Offices: Enfield; Norwich

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Education and the Workforce

Key Staff: Sam Menchel (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- District Office Meetings: 2013* (Member meeting)

In December 2013, Congressman Courtney attended the holiday gathering of the Connecticut RPCVs.

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

Congressman Courtney is a 1975 graduate of Tufts University in Boston. He earned a law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1978.

Before serving in the House of Representatives, Joe Courtney represented the citizens of Vernon in the Connecticut General Assembly from 1987 to 1994. During this tenure, then state-Rep. Courtney served as House Chairman for both the Public Health and Human Services Committees and also chaired the Connecticut Blue Ribbon Commission on Universal Health Insurance.
(Representative Joe Courtney)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2007-2009: NO  
  2010-2019: 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 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)

● 111th Congress (2009-10): CO-SPONSOR
● 112th Congress (2011-12): CO-SPONSOR
● 113th Congress (2013-14): Did not co-sponsor
● 1/13/14 House Vote to Support Commemorative (passed 387 – 7) YES

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

● 112th Congress (2011-12): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation
Connecticut Representative
Rosa DeLauro
Democrat—3rd District (@rosadelauro)

2413 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-3661

Connecticut Current Volunteers: 88
(Connecticut Volunteers in 1966: 318)
Volunteers in the 3rd District as of Sep. 2016: 13
Connecticut Volunteers Since 1961: 3,595

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1991

District Offices: New Haven

Committee Assignments: Appropriations; Budget

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Congresswoman DeLauro 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: Jack Spasiano (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

Soon after earning degrees from Marymount College and Columbia University, Rosa followed her parents' footsteps into public service, serving as the first Executive Director of EMILY'S List, a national organization dedicated to increasing the number of women in elected office, Executive Director of Countdown '87, the national campaign that successfully stopped U.S. military aid to the Nicaraguan Contras, and as Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Christopher Dodd.
(Representative Rosa DeLauro)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2006: NO
● 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: 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): 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)
(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): CO-SPONSOR

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

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

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

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

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Connecticut Representative Jim Himes
Democrat—4th District (@jahimes)

1227 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-5541

Connecticut Current Volunteers: 88
(Connecticut Volunteers in 1966: 318)
Volunteers in the 4th District as of Sep. 2016: 29
Connecticut Volunteers Since 1961: 3,595

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2009

District Offices: Bridgeport; Stamford

Committee Assignments: Financial Services; Intelligence

Key Staff: Jessica Hagens-Jordan (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2009, 2012-2015, 2016 (2)
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Born in Lima, Peru in 1966 to American parents, he spent the early years of his childhood in Peru and Colombia while his father worked for the Ford Foundation and UNICEF. As an American abroad, Jim grew up fluent in both Spanish and English and was raised with an awareness of the unique position of the United States in the world. At the age of ten, Jim moved with his mother and sisters to the United States.

Jim graduated from Hopewell Valley Central High School and then attended Harvard University. After completing his undergraduate work, Jim earned a Rhodes Scholarship, which enabled him to attend Oxford University in England where he continued his studies of Latin America, including research in El Salvador.

(concerning foreign affairs): “Targeted, effective international aid programs ease the suffering of millions each day and are among the very best investments we can make in our national security and long-term prosperity. Having spent much of my youth in Latin America, where my father worked for the Ford Foundation, I have a deep personal interest in America's relationships abroad. I strongly believe in programs and partnerships that help our neighbors in developing nations build healthy and productive communities.”

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(Representative Jim Himes)

On the Issues
Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2009, 2011-2014: NO
  2010, 2015-2019: 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: 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)

- 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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Connecticut Representative
Jahana Hayes
Democrat – 5th District (@RepJahanaHayes)

1415 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-4476

Connecticut Current Volunteers: 88
(Connecticut Volunteers in 1966: 318)
Volunteers in the 5th District as of Sep. 2016: 23
Connecticut Volunteers Since 1961: 3,595

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019
District Offices: Waterbury

Committee Assignments: Agriculture; Education and Labor

Key Staff: Kevin O'Keefe (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://www.jahanahayes.com):

Jahana Hayes is a lifelong CT resident. A former social studies teacher at John F. Kennedy High School and recipient of the 2016 National Teacher of the Year Award, she currently serves as the Talent and Professional Development Supervisor for Waterbury Public Schools.

Her family struggled with addiction, relied on public assistance, and at one point lost their apartment. Hayes got pregnant as a teenager and all hopes for any upward mobility seemed beyond her grasp. The people in her community and her strong desire for an education propelled her forward. Her experiences are the driving forces behind her investment in the community.

She has dedicated herself to being of service in the city of Waterbury and traveled the country and the world engaging stakeholders on topics related to education and equity. These experiences have shown her that all people are facing similar challenges, and she welcomes the opportunity to become a more well-rounded advocate for the entire 5th district.

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(Representative Jahana Hayes)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2018-19: 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 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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