Illinois Senator Richard ‘Dick’ Durbin
Democrat (@SenatorDurbin)

711 Hart Senate Office Building
202-224-2152

Illinois Current Volunteers: 279
(Illinois Volunteers in 1966: 711)
Illinois Volunteers Since 1961: 9,265

Began Service in the Senate: 1997

State Offices: Chicago, Rock Island, Springfield, Carbondale

Committee Assignments: Appropriations; Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; Judiciary; Rules and Administration

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

Key Staff: Chris Homan (Peace Corps Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2011*
- District Office Meetings: 2019*

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

Senator Durbin was born on November 21, 1944 in East St. Louis, IL to William Durbin and Ann Durbin (née Kutkin). He attended Assumption High School and continued on to earn his Bachelor of Science from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in 1966. Durbin then received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1969.

(concerning foreign affairs): “Our nation's foreign policies should advance the security and prosperity of all Americans, while positioning us to promote American values such as freedom, democracy, and the rule of law around the world. Our efforts must extend beyond diplomatic and military initiatives to include humanitarian and development assistance. Helping other nations in the global fight against HIV/AIDS or to provide clean water, for example, are important moral choices that also strengthen our nation’s standing abroad as a global leader.”

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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 (Co-Lead Author): 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
- Senator Durbin 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): CO-SPONSOR
Illinois Senator Tammy Duckworth
Democrat (@SenDuckworth)

524 Hart Senate Office Building
202-224-2854

Illinois Current Volunteers: 279
(Illinois Volunteers in 1966: 711)
Illinois Volunteers Since 1961: 9,265

Began Service in the Senate: 2017 (Served in the House since 2013)

State Offices: Chicago, Carbondale, Belleville, Rock Island, Springfield

Committee Assignments: Environment and Public Works; Armed Services; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Small Business

Key Staff: Matt Lampert (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2014
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2013-2014, 2019
- District Office Meetings: None

In June 2014, then Rep. Duckworth met with NPCA leadership and Dr. Surin Pitsuwan of Thailand, winner of the 2014 Harris Wofford Global Citizen Award.

From the Website (www.duckworth.senate.gov)
Duckworth attended college at the University of Hawaii and then went on to the George Washington University, where she earned a Master's of Arts in International Affairs. Following graduation, Duckworth, who is fluent in Thai and Indonesian, moved to Illinois, where she began pursuing a Ph.D. in Political Science at Northern Illinois University. While at NIU she also worked at the School of Nursing, researching public health and environmental causes of cancer. Later Ms. Duckworth worked for Rotary International as a manager for administration of Rotary clubs in the Asia Pacific Region. In 2004, Duckworth was deployed to Iraq as a Blackhawk helicopter pilot for the Illinois Army National Guard. She was one of the first Army women to fly combat missions during Operation Iraqi Freedom until her helicopter was hit by an RPG on November 12, 2004. Duckworth lost her legs and partial use of her right arm and was awarded a Purple Heart.

In 2009, President Obama appointed Duckworth to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs. At VA, Duckworth coordinated the joint initiative with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to end Veteran homelessness. She created the Office of Online Communications to improve the VA's accessibility, especially among young Vets, and also worked to address the unique challenges that Native American and female Veterans face.

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(Senator Tammy Duckworth)

While in the House of Representatives, Senator Duckworth did not sign Peace Corps funding Dear Colleague letters between 2013 and 2016, and did not co-sponsor various Peace Corps legislation including the Sam Farr Peace Corps Enhancement Act, the Peace Corps Equity Act, the Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act, and the Peace Corps Stamp Act.

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2017-2019: 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)
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- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (S. 2291)
- 113th Congress (2013-14): N/A

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (S. 230)
(Signed into law 2014)
- 113th Congress (2013-14): N/A

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
(Signed into law in 2011)
- 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A
Illinois Representative Bobby Rush
Republican — 1st District (@RepBobbyRush)

2188 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-4372

Illinois Current Volunteers: 279
(Illinois Volunteers in 1966: 711)
Volunteers in the 1st District as of Sep. 2016: 29
Illinois Volunteers Since 1961: 9,265

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1993

District Offices: Chicago, Midlothian

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce

Key Staff: Nishith Pandya (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2013*
- District Office Meetings: None

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

This struggle to fulfill the constitutional promise of equality for all would define Rush and his life’s work. The fight for human rights, in America and throughout the world, remains Rush’s mission. Public service through elected office is one of the many paths he has chosen with that mission in mind.

Rush is an honorably discharged Army veteran and an ordained minister with a Master's Degree in Theology. In addition to his congressional responsibilities, Rush is the pastor of the Beloved Community Christian Church of Chicago.
(Representative Bobby Rush)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2005-2011: NO
  2012-2019: 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): 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): CO-SPONSOR
- 114th Congress (2015-16): CO-SPONSOR
- 113th Congress (2013-14): 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: 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): 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): CO-SPONSOR
- Representative Rush 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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Illinois Representative Robin Kelly  
Democrat—2nd District (@RepRobinKelly)

2416 Rayburn House Office Building  
202-225-0773

Illinois Current Volunteers: 279  
(Illinois Volunteers in 1966: 711)  
Volunteers in the 2nd District as of Sep. 2016: 7  
Illinois Volunteers Since 1961: 9,265

Began Service in the House of Representatives: April 2013

District Offices: Kankakee, Matteson

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce; Oversight & Government Reform

Key Staff: Matt McMurray (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 (www.robinkelly.house.gov):

A New York native, Kelly moved to Illinois after high school to attend Bradley University in Peoria, where she earned her B.A. in psychology and a M.A. in counseling. She later received a Ph.D. in political science from Northern Illinois University.

Kelly has also served as chief of staff in the Illinois State Treasurer’s Office. As the first African American woman to serve as chief of staff for a constitutional officer in Illinois, Kelly pursued a progressive agenda rooted in promoting small business job creation, investment strategy innovation, eliminating food deserts and advancing financial literacy in underserved areas.

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(Representative Robin Kelly)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2017, 2019: YES
  2014-2016: 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)

- 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
Illinois Representative Daniel Lipinski
Democrat—3rd District (@RepLipinski)

2346 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-5701 or 866-822-5701

Illinois Current Volunteers: 279
(Illinois Volunteers in 1966: 711)
Volunteers in the 3rd District as of Sep. 2016: 17
Illinois Volunteers Since 1961: 9,265

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2005

District Offices: Chicago, Oak Lawn, Lockport, Orland Park

Committee Assignments: Science, Space and Technology (Ranking Member); Transportation

Key Staff: Caitlyn McGuire (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

Prior to serving in Congress, Rep. Lipinski taught American Government at a number of colleges, including the University of Notre Dame. He also gained experience on Capitol Hill working for the House Administration Committee, the Democratic Policy Committee, and House members, including Minority Leader Richard Gephardt. He also has worked for the U.S. Department of Labor and the Illinois General Assembly's Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation.

Rep. Lipinski earned a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Northwestern University, a Master's degree in Engineering-Economic Systems from Stanford University, and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Duke University. In the 113th Congress, he is one of only a dozen trained engineers in the House and Senate.
(Representative Daniel Lipinski)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2005-2010: NO  
  2011-2019: 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): 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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Illinois Representative Jesus “Chuy” Garcia
Democrat—4th District (@RepChuyGarcia)

530 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-8203

Illinois Current Volunteers: 279
(Illinois Volunteers in 1966: 711)
Volunteers in the 4th District as of Sep. 2016: 17
Illinois Volunteers Since 1961: 9,265

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Chicago

Committee Assignments: Financial Services; Transportation and Infrastructure

Key Staff: Naomi Lake (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://jesuschuygarcia.com):

Jesús “Chuy” García is a progressive leader who has fought to improve the lives of all people. His interest in politics grew when he was in high school, as he was inspired by speeches of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and United Farm Workers Union leader Cesar Chavez. The election of Harold Washington as mayor in 1983 spawned what some view as the golden age in progressive politics in Chicago and he had Chuy become the city’s deputy water commissioner. In 1986, Chuy was elected alderman of the 22nd Ward and tipped the balance on the City Council to Mayor Washington’s favor, ending the furious clash known in Chicago history as Council Wars. Chuy secured city funds to construct the giant Little Village Arch that sweeps across 26th Street in the 22nd Ward. He also pushed through an ordinance providing help for immigrants with filling out forms, writing letters and applying for green cards issued by the federal government. He left the City Council to run for the Illinois Senate in 1992.

Chuy has received many distinctions for his tireless advocacy of social justice and has served on the boards of several organizations. Chuy and his wife, Evelyn, reside in Chicago’s Little Village neighborhood. They have three adult children: Jesus, Samuel and Rosa.

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(Representative Jesus Garcia )

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2018, 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): 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
Illinois Representative Mike Quigley
Democrat—5th District (@RepMikeQuigley)

2458 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-4061

Illinois Current Volunteers: 279
(Illinois Volunteers in 1966: 711)
Volunteers in the 5th District as of Sep. 2016: 23
Illinois Volunteers Since 1961: 9,265

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2009

District Offices: Chicago

Committee Assignments: Appropriations; Intelligence

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Congressman Quigley 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: Allison Jarus (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker:
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2010-2011, 2011*
- District Office Meetings:

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

Quigley did his undergraduate work at Roosevelt University, earned a master’s degree in public policy from the University of Chicago, and a law degree from the Loyola University School of Law, all in Chicago. He also served as an adjunct professor of political science at Loyola University Chicago and Roosevelt University, lecturing on politics, the environment and local government. He was a practicing lawyer for almost twenty years.
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2012, 2018: YES
- Co-Sponsored Peace Corps Funding Legislation:
  2009: NO
- 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: NO (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

Peace Corps Caucus

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


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
Illinois Representative Sean Casten
Democrat - 6th District (@repcasten)

429 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-4561

Illinois Current Volunteers: 279
(Illinois Volunteers in 1966: 711)
Volunteers in the 6th District as of Sep. 2016: 43
Illinois Volunteers Since 1961: 9,265

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: West Chicago

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

Key Staff: Calli Shapiro (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://castenforcongress.com):

Sean has an undergraduate degree in molecular biology and biochemistry and masters’ degrees in engineering management and biochemical engineering, which helped inform his career in science and business. In 2007, Sean moved to Illinois to co-found Recycled Energy Development LLC, with a mission to profitably reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the recovery of otherwise wasted energy.

Whether creating clean energy jobs, working with policymakers to find win-win solutions to our problems, or writing about the important work we must do to protect our planet, Sean Casten has never shied away from big challenges. We need him in Congress. Sean is on our side and will represent our values.
(Representative Sean Casten)

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): 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
Illinois Representative Danny Davis
Democrat—7th District (@RepDannyDavis)

2159 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-5006

Illinois Current Volunteers: 279
(Illinois Volunteers in 1966: 711)
Volunteers in the 7th District as of Sep. 2016: 7
Illinois Volunteers Since 1961: 9,265

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1997

District Offices: Chicago

Committee Assignments: Ways and Means

Key Staff: Caleb Gilchrist (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2007, 2011
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Before seeking public office Congressman Davis had productive careers as an educator, community organizer, health planner/administrator and civil rights advocate. He has received hundreds of awards and citations for outstanding work in the areas of health, education, human relations, politics and advocacy including six honorary Doctorate Degrees from well known Colleges and Universities. He has traveled extensively throughout the United States and has spent time in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and in South and Central America.

Born in Parkdale, Arkansas, on September 6, 1941, Congressman Davis moved to the Westside of Chicago in 1961, after having earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Arkansas A.M. & N. College. He subsequently earned both Masters and Doctorate degrees respectively from Chicago State University and the Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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(Representative Danny Davis)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2006 - 2009, 2011: 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)
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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): 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
Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: Schaumburg

Committee Assignments: Oversight and Government Reform; Education and the Workforce; Intelligence

Key Staff: Rachel Sorensen (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://krishnamoorthi.house.gov/about)

Raja is the child of immigrants and was reared in Peoria, Illinois. He attended public schools in Peoria and was a valedictorian of his high school class. Scholarships and student loans allowed Raja to graduate summa cum laude from Princeton University with a degree in mechanical engineering and a certificate from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy. He then graduated with honors from Harvard Law School and clerked for a federal judge before practicing law in Chicago.

Raja pursued public service while practicing law and was appointed by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan as a Special Assistant Attorney General to help start the state’s Public Integrity Unit created to root out corruption in Illinois. As a member of the Illinois Housing Development Authority, Raja chaired its Audit Committee, helping to provide thousands of low and moderate-income families across the state with affordable housing. Raja also served as Illinois Deputy Treasurer.

Raja and his wife, Priya, a physician, live in Schaumburg with their two sons and baby daughter.

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(Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi)

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

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Illinois Representative Jan Schakowsky
Democrat—9th District (@janschakowsky)

2367 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-2111

Illinois Current Volunteers: 279
(Illinois Volunteers in 1966: 711)
Volunteers in the 9th District as of Sep. 2016: 36
Illinois Volunteers Since 1961: 9,265

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1999

District Offices: Chicago, Evanston, Glenview

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce; Budget

Key Staff: Robert Marcus (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2015*, 2016*, 2019
- District Office Meetings: None

In 2019, Representative Schakowsky met with filmmaker Luis Argueta of Guatemala, NPCA's winner of the Harris Wofford Global Leadership Award. Constituent and Schakowsky friend Ken Lehman was the volunteer who befriended Argueta more than fifty years ago.

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

As Program Director of Illinois Public Action from 1976 to 1985 – the state's largest public interest organization – Schakowsky fought for energy reform and stronger protection from toxic chemicals. As Director of the Illinois State Council of Senior Citizens from 1985 to 1990, she organized across the state for lower cost prescription drugs and tax relief for seniors, financial protection for the spouses of nursing home residents and other benefits for the elderly.

(concerning foreign affairs): Schakowsky is the sponsor of the International Violence Against Women Act, which would make the safety of women and girls around the world a long overdue U.S. foreign policy priority. She also believes that the United States must continue to be a leader in fighting oppression, poverty, disease, and other human suffering throughout the world.
(Representative Jan Schakowsky)
On the Issues
Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2005, 2007: NO  
  2006, 2008-2019: 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: 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)

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)

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): CO-SPONSOR
- Representative Schakowsky 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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Illinois Representative Brad Schneider
Democrat – 10th District (@RepSchneider)

1432 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-4835

Illinois Current Volunteers: 279
(Illinois Volunteers in 1966: 711)
Volunteers in the 10th District as of Sep. 2016: 21
Illinois Volunteers Since 1961: 9,265

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017 (previously served in 2013-2014)

District Offices: Lincolnshire

Committee Assignments: Foreign Affairs; Small Business, Ways and Means

Congressman Schneider sites on the Foreign Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over most Peace Corps related legislation

Key Staff: Jessica Burnton (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2019*
- DC Meetings With Staff: None
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Prior to being elected to Congress, Brad spent more than 20 years in business and management consulting, helping large and family-owned businesses alike address the challenges of today’s economy and plan for the future. His professional experience has allowed him to see first-hand the challenges small businesses face when trying to hire new workers and grow their company, as well as the effect thriving small businesses can have on a community’s overall economy. Brad has deep ties to the community, including service with organizations such as the Jewish United Fund, the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Waukegan Public Library Foundation, B.E.S.T., the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism, and the Civic Leadership Foundation.

Brad earned a BS in industrial engineering and his MBA from Northwestern University. Brad and his wife, Julie, have been residents of Deerfield for more than 25 years, where they created a home, built their careers, and, most importantly, raised two sons, Adam and Daniel. One of Brad’s favorite pastimes was coaching his sons’ baseball and soccer teams for over 12 years. He now enjoys exploring the bike trails throughout the district.

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(Representative Brad Schneider)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding:

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  - 2013: NO
  - 2014, 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
- 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A
- 113th Congress (2013-14): 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
- 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A
- 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): N/A

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)

- 113th Congress (2013-14): 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

Representative Schneider also signed a 2014 letter to federal authorities urging more involvement in the investigation of the death of Peace Corps Volunteer Kate Puzey

www.peacecorpsconnect.org   Updated February 2020
Illinois Representative Bill Foster
Democrat – 11th District (@RepBillFoster)

2366 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-3515

Illinois Current Volunteers: 279
(Illinois Volunteers in 1966: 711)
Volunteers in the 11th District as of Sep. 2016: 10
Illinois Volunteers Since 1961: 9,265


District Offices: Aurora, Joliet

Committee Assignments: Financial Services; Science, Space and Technology

Key Staff: Samantha Warren (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

Bill's business career began at age 19 when he and his younger brother co-founded Electronic Theatre Controls, Inc., a company that now manufactures over half of the theater lighting equipment in the United States.

Bill's scientific career was as a high-energy physicist and particle accelerator designer at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab). Bill was a member of the team that discovered the top quark, the heaviest known form of matter. He also led the teams that designed and built several scientific facilities and detectors still in use today, including the Recycler Ring, the latest of Fermilab's giant particle accelerators. When Bill first ran for Congress, his campaign was endorsed by 31 Nobel Prize Winners.

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Representative Bill Foster

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  - 2010, 2013-2015: 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): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation
  - 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A
  - 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
Illinois Representative Mike Bost  
Republican – 12th District (@RepBost)  

1440 Longworth House Office Building  
202-225-5661  

Illinois Current Volunteers: 279  
(Illinois Volunteers in 1966: 711)  
Volunteers in the 12th District as of Sep. 2016: 20  
Illinois Volunteers Since 1961: 9,265  

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2015  

District Offices: Belleville, Carbondale, Alton, Granite City, Mt. Vernon  

Committee Assignments: Agriculture; Veterans Affairs; Transportation; Veterans' Affairs  

Key Staff: Noah Barger (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://bost.house.gov/):  

Rep. Mike Bost is proud to represent the 12 counties of Illinois’ 12th District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Sworn in to office on January 6, 2015, Mike is continuing the fight for our Southern Illinois' values in Washington – a fight he began in U.S. military, then as a first responder, a local job creator, and a state representative. Rep. Bost is a lifelong resident of Murphysboro. He graduated from Murphysboro High School in 1979. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps serving his country from 1979 to 1982. He was trained as an electronic specialist and radar repairman and received an honorable discharge as a Corporal E-4. In addition to his duties as a state representative, Rep. Bost is very active in his church and community. Rep. Bost and his wife, Tracy, own and operate a small business – the White House Salon – in Murphysboro.
(Representative Mike Bost)

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): Did not join

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

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

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)
Illinois Representative Rodney Davis
Republican – 13th District (@RodneyDavis)

1740 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-2371

Illinois Current Volunteers: 279
(Illinois Volunteers in 1966: 711)
Volunteers in the 13th District as of Sep. 2016: 10
Illinois Volunteers Since 1961: 9,265

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2013

District Offices: Champaign, Decatur, Glen Carbon, Normal, Taylorville, Springfield

Committee Assignments: Agriculture; House Administration; Transportation; Joint Committee on Printing

Key Staff: David Ross (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2013*, 2014, 2017
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Since the age of seven, Rodney has lived in Taylorville, where he attended public school. He continued his education in central Illinois and graduated with honors from Millikin University in Decatur. For 16 years, Rodney served as Projects Director for Congressman John Shimkus.

The Davis family attends St. Mary’s Church, where Rodney served on the Finance Committee and as Volunteer Athletic Director. His other civic activities have included serving as fundraising drive chairman for the Christian County United Way, co-chairing a multimillion dollar YMCA capital fund drive, and serving on Christian County Senior Center Board of Directors. In his free time, Rodney coaches Taylorville Junior Football and his sons’ Little League team.

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(Representative Rodney Davis)

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
- 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): 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)

- 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
Illinois Representative
Lauren Underwood
Democrat—14th District (@RepUnderwood)

1118 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-2976

Illinois Current Volunteers: 279
(Illinois Volunteers in 1966: 711)
Volunteers in the 14th District as of Sep. 2016: 10
Illinois Volunteers Since 1961: 9,265

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: St. Charles

Committee Assignments: Education and Labor; Homeland Security; Veterans' Affairs

Key Staff: Mark Anthony (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2019
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Lauren Underwood grew up in Naperville, Illinois as a girl scout, to which she pledged “to help people at all times.” Those early lessons in leadership formed a foundation of service that continues to guide her now as she looks to serve in a different way.

Lauren Underwood is a registered nurse, with hands-on experience in America’s healthcare industry. Lauren was appointed by President Obama to serve as a Senior Advisor at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Lauren helped communities across the country prevent, prepare for, and respond to disasters, bioterror threats and public health emergencies. Lauren also is a teacher, preparing future nurse practitioners through Georgetown University’s online master’s program.

Lauren is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Johns Hopkins University.
Representative Lauren Underwood

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

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
Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
  ● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2011, 2019*
  ● DC Meetings With Staff: 2017
  ● District Office Meetings: None

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

John received his Bachelor of Science degree in general engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1980. He served over five years active duty in the Army, then entered the Army Reserves. John retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel on June 1, 2008, closing out 28 years of military service. He continues his connection to West Point by being an appointed Congressional member of the Academy's Board of Visitors.

After leaving active duty John earned his teaching certificate from Christ College Irvine, California (now Concordia University Irvine). He returned home to teach at Metro East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville, Illinois. The Representative’s son just recently left for a PC service in Tanzania.
(Representative John Shimkus)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2005-2019: 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)

- 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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Illinois Representative Adam Kinzinger
Republican—16th District (@RepKinzinger)

2245 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-3635

Illinois Current Volunteers: 279
(Illinois Volunteers in 1966: 711)
Volunteers in the 16th District as of Sep. 2016: 10
Illinois Volunteers Since 1961: Nearly 8,962

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2011

District Offices: Ottawa, Watseka, Rockford

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce; Foreign Affairs

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

Key Staff: Sebastian De Luca (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2013
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Kinzinger earned his undergraduate degree from Illinois State University in 2000. He served on the McLean County Board from 1998-2003. Following his work on the country board, Kinzinger joined the United States Air Force. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in November 2003 and later awarded his pilot wings. He has served in the Air Force Special Operations, Air Combat Command, Air Mobility Command, and Air National Guard.

In 2007, he received the United States Air Force Airman's Medal for saving the life of a young woman whom was violently attacked. He wrestled the knife away from the attacker and pinned him to the ground until the police arrived. He was also awarded the National Guard's Valley Forge Cross for Heroism and was selected as the Southeastern Wisconsin American Red Cross Hero of the Year. Kinzinger has earned the Air Medal six times serving in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Kinzinger was born in Kankakee, grew up in Bloomington, and now resides in Channahon.

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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): 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)
- 112th Congress (2011-12): Did not 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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Illinois Representative Cheri Bustos
Democrat – 17th District (@RepCheri)

1233 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-5905

Illinois Current Volunteers: 279
(Illinois Volunteers in 1966: 711)
Volunteers in the 17th District as of Sep. 2016: 14
Illinois Volunteers Since 1961: 9,265

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2013

District Offices: Peoria, Rock Island, Rockford

Committee Assignments: Appropriations; Agriculture

Key Staff: Leighton Huch (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: 2013* (w/ staff)

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

Cheri earned a Bachelor’s Degree in political science from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a Master’s Degree in journalism from the University of Illinois at Springfield. She also attended Illinois College in Jacksonville, where both her parents and son graduated. An accomplished basketball and volleyball player, Cheri was inducted into the Illinois College Sports Hall of Fame in 1994.
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2013: NO
  2014-19: 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): 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)

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- 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)

- 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

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Illinois Representative Darin LaHood
Republican – 18th District (@replahood)

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Illinois Current Volunteers: 279
(Illinois Volunteers in 1966: 711)
Volunteers in the 18th District as of Sep. 2016: 6
Illinois Volunteers Since 1961: 9,265

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2015

District Offices: Peoria

Committee Assignments: Ways and Means; Joint Economic

Key Staff: Mary Ellen Richardson (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

From The Website (www.lahoodforcongress.com)
Darin LaHood is the son of former Congressman and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. Born and raised in Peoria, Darin attended Spalding Institute/Academy of Our Lady High School before graduating from Loras College with a B.A. He continued his education by earning his J.D. from John Marshall Law School.

In 2011, LaHood was appointed to serve the 37th Senate District in the Illinois State Senate and was elected to serve a four-year term in 2012. LaHood fought to increase transparency and promote ethical behavior in Springfield by sponsoring legislation to create term limits for elected officials and establish higher ethical standards for lobbyist and elected officials.

Prior to joining the Senate, LaHood spent more than nine years as a State and Federal Prosecutor. From 2001-2006, LaHood worked as an Assistant United State’s Attorney in Las Vegas, Nevada. LaHood has also served as Assistant State’s Attorney in Cook County in the Narcotics Unit and a Felony Prosecutor with the Tazewell County State’s Attorney’s Office.

LaHood serves on the Board of Directors for the Red Cross of Central and West-Central Illinois and is involved with the Salvation Army, Easter Seals, and St. Jude.

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On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding:

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: 2016-2019: 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
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