United States Senate

Senator Patrick Leahy
Vermont Democrat

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Vermont Current Volunteers: 0
(46 pre-evacuation)
Vermont Volunteers Since 1961: 1,629

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Began Service in the Senate: 1975

State Offices: Burlington, Montpelier

Committee Assignments:
- Agriculture
- Appropriations (Chair)
- Judiciary
- Rules

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

Key Staff: Tim Rieser, Foreign Policy Issues

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2013, 2019
- District Office Meetings: None

In June 2019, Senator Leahy met with Luis Argueta of Guatemala, winner of NPCA's Harris Wofford Global Leadership Award. Luis’ wife Jennifer previously worked for Senator Leahy.

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## Peace Corps Issues and Senator Leahy

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### Other Notes:

Because Peace Corps and international affairs letters were addressed to Senator Leahy as a leader of the Appropriations State/Foreign Operations Subcommittee, he would not be expected to sign. Senator Leahy was a **co–sponsor** of the Peace Corps Equity Act (2014).
United States Senate

Senator Bernie Sanders
Vermont Independent

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Vermont Current Volunteers: 0
(46 pre-evacuation)

Vermont Volunteers Since 1961: 1,629

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Contact Form:Began Service in the U. S. Senate: 2007

State Offices: Burlington, St. Johnsbury

Committee Assignments:
- Budget (Chair)
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Environment and Public Works
- Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
- Veterans' Affairs

Key Staff: Matthew Duss, Foreign Policy Issues

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- District Office Meetings: None

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# Peace Corps Issues and Senator Sanders

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| Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding | Did not sign in 2010  
| Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Support robust international affairs funding | Did not sign in 2022  
Signed on in 2017 – 2019, 2021  
Did not sign in 2020 (COVID–19 International Response) |
S. 3642: Did not co–sponsor |
| 116th Congress (2019–2020) CORPS Act (S. 3964)  
Legislation opposed by NPCA | Did not co–sponsor |

**Other Notes:**
Senator Sanders was a co–sponsor of the Peace Corps Equity Act (2014) and the Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act (2010).
Rep. Peter Welch
Vermont At Large Democrat

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Vermont Current Volunteers: 0
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Vermont Volunteers Since 1961: 1,629

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District Offices: Burlington

Committee Assignments:
● Energy and Commerce
● Oversight and Reform
● Intelligence

Key Staff: Megan Foster, Foreign Policy Issues

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:
● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2011*
● District Office Meetings: None

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**Peace Corps Issues and Rep. Welch**

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| House Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding | Did not sign in 2007 – 2009  
Signed on in 2010 – 2022 |
| House Peace Corps Caucus | Joined in 2013, 2014, 2019–2022  
Did not join in 2015–2018 |
116th Congress (2019–2020): Did not co–sponsor |
H.R. 6560: Co–sponsor |
| 116th Congress (2019–2020) Walker Amendment: A vote on a proposal to offset disaster relief funding by cutting many programs, including elimination of Peace Corps funding for FY 2020 NPCA opposed this amendment, which was defeated 315 to 110 | Voted No |

**Other Notes:** Rep Welch was a co–sponsor of the Peace Corps Equity Act (2014), Peace Corps Commemorative legislation (2011–2014), the Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act (2011) and Peace Corps funding legislation (2009). He also signed a December 2021 congressional letter supporting increased Peace Corps funding for FY 2022.