Texas Senator Ted Cruz  
Republican @SenTedCruz  
127A Russell Senate Office Building  
202-224-5922  

Texas Current Volunteers: 368  
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)  
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the Senate: 2013

District Offices: Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Tyler, McAllen

Committee Assignments: Commerce, Science and Transportation; Foreign Relations; Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Joint Economic Committee

Key Staff: Ricardo Pita (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

In August 2017, DC staff met with Drew Havea of Tonga, winner of NPCA’s Harris Wofford Global Citizen Award.

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

Ted graduated with honors from Princeton University and with high honors from Harvard Law School. He served as a law clerk to Chief Justice William Rehnquist on the U.S. Supreme Court. He was the first Hispanic ever to clerk for the Chief Justice of the United States. From 2004-09, he taught U.S. Supreme Court Litigation as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Texas School of Law.
(Senator Ted Cruz)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: N/A
● 2014, 2016-2019: NO

International Affairs Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding
  2017, 2018: NO

Other

Peace Corps Mission Accountability Act (S.2320) - Legislation opposed by NPCA
● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Reform Act of 2018 (S. 2286)
  (signed into law in 2018)
● 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (S. 2291)
● 113th Congress (2013-14): Did not co-sponsor

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (S. 230)
  (Signed into law 2014)
● 112th Congress (2011-12): 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 Cruz signed a 2014 letter urging U.S. law enforcement to assist with the Kate
  Puzey murder investigation

Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act
  (Not signed into law)
● 111th Congress (2009-10): N/A

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Texas Senator John Cornyn  
Republican (@JohnCornyn)  
517 Hart Senate Office Building  
202-224-2934  

Texas Current Volunteers: 368  
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)  
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174  

Began Service in the Senate: 2002  

State Offices: Austin, Dallas, Harlingen, Houston, Lubbock, San Antonio, Tyler  

Committee Assignments: Finance; Judiciary; Intelligence  

Key Staff: Don Bergin (Foreign Policy Issues)  

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

From The Website ([www.cornyn.senate.gov](http://www.cornyn.senate.gov)):

Senator Cornyn was born in Houston on February 2, 1952, and was raised in San Antonio. He is the son of John and Gale Cornyn, both native Texans. His father, a B-17 pilot in World War II, served for 31 years in the U.S. Air Force and, later, taught at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. A graduate of Trinity University and St. Mary’s School of Law, both in San Antonio, Sen. Cornyn also earned a Masters of Law from the University of Virginia Law School in 1995. He was named the St. Mary’s Distinguished Law School Graduate in 1994 and a Trinity University Distinguished Alumnus in 2001.
(Senator John Cornyn)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2006-2019: NO

International Affairs Funding
● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding
  2017, 2018: NO

Other

Peace Corps Mission Accountability Act (S.2320) - Legislation opposed by NPCA
● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

  Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Reform Act of 2018 (S. 2286)
  (signed into law in 2018)
● 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor

  Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (S. 2291)
● 113th Congress (2013-14): Did not co-sponsor

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

  Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
  (Signed into law in 2011)
● 112th Congress (2011-12): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation
● Senator Cornyn also signed a 2014 letter urging U.S. law enforcement to assist with
  the Kate Puzey murder investigation

  Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act
  (Not signed into law)
● 111th Congress (2009-10): Did not co-sponsor

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Texas Representative Louie Gohmert
Republican—1st District @replouiegohmert

2267 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-3035

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 1st District as of June 2019: 4
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2005

District Offices: Longview, Lufkin, Marshall, Nacogdoches, Tyler

Committee Assignments: Judiciary; Natural Resources

Key Staff: Sean Griffin (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2010-2012
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Prior to being elected to serve in Congress, Louie was elected to three terms as District Judge in Smith County, Texas. During his tenure on the bench, he gained national and international attention for some of his innovative rulings. He was later appointed by Texas Governor Rick Perry to complete a term as Chief Justice of the 12th Court of Appeals.

Louie received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University and later graduated from the Baylor School of Law. He is also a veteran having served his country as Captain in the U.S. Army. His family attends Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, where Louie has served as a deacon and still teaches Sunday school.
(Representative Louie Gohmert)

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)

- 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 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) NO

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 Gohmert 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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Texas Representative
Dan Crenshaw (@repdancrenshaw)
Republican—2nd District

413 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-6565

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 2nd District as of June 2019: 7
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Kingwood

Committee Assignments: Budget; Homeland Security

Key Staff: Kenneth Depew (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

Dan is originally from Houston, Texas, and a proud 6th generation Texan. His father’s career in the Texas oil and gas industry moved his family all over the world, including Ecuador and Colombia. As a result, Dan is fluent in Spanish. From an early age, Dan knew that he wanted to serve his country with the most elite fighting force in history: the U.S. Navy SEALs. Dan graduated from Tufts University in 2006, where he earned his Naval officer commission through Navy ROTC. He immediately reported to SEAL training in Coronado, CA, where he met his future wife, Tara, just a few months later. After graduating SEAL training, Dan deployed to Fallujah, Iraq to join SEAL Team Three, his first of five deployments overseas.

Dan was medically retired in September of 2016, after ten years in the SEAL Teams. He left service with two Bronze Stars (one with Valor), the Purple Heart, and the Navy Commendation Medal with Valor, among many other recognitions. Soon after, Dan completed his Master in Public Administration at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. In September of this year, he was back in Houston, volunteering for days on end in areas of Katy devastated by Hurricane Harvey. He saw first-hand the unthinkable losses that his neighbors suffered, but he also saw Texan grit and resilience. He wanted to do more, and this November Dan and Tara decided that the best way to serve the people of Texas would be in elected office.

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On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  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 co-sponsor
● 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 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
Texas Representative Van Taylor
Republican—3rd District (@repvantaylor)

1404 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-4201

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 3rd District as of June 2019: 17
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Plano

Committee Assignments: Education and Labor; Homeland Security

Key Staff: Gabriela Perdichizzi (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://senate.texas.gov/):

Van Taylor is a dedicated family man, successful businessman, and decorated Marine Officer. Elected in 2010 to the Texas House, Van distinguished himself as a conservative leader and was elected to the Texas Senate with overwhelming local support and backing of a strong coalition of conservative activists and community leaders.

As a Marine Officer and paratrooper, Captain Taylor volunteered for duty as a platoon commander with the Marine Corps’ C Company, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion. He deployed to Iraq where he fought with 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company. Taylor led the first platoon into Iraq for his brigade and led a mission that rescued 31 wounded Marines during the pitched Battle of An Nasiriyah. For his service in Iraq, the Marine Corps awarded Captain Taylor the Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, and the Navy Commendation Medal with “V” for valor.

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

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

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

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)
● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
● 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 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
Texas Representative John Ratcliffe
Republican—4th District @RepRatcliffe

223 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-6673

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 4th District as of June 2019: 4
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2015

District Offices: Rockwall, Sherman, Texarkana

Committee Assignments: Homeland Security; Judiciary; Ethics

Key Staff: Maggie Goessler (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2015, 2018*
- District Office Meetings: None

From the Website (https://ratcliffe.house.gov/):

During the George W. Bush Administration, John was appointed to multiple posts, including U.S. Attorney (2007-2008) and Chief of Anti-Terrorism and National Security for the Eastern District of Texas (2004-2007). During his tenure, John personally managed dozens of international and domestic terrorism investigations involving some of the nation’s most sensitive security matters. He played an integral role in formulating the DOJ’s terrorism strategies as a member of the Attorney General’s Advisory Subcommittee on Terrorism and National Security.

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(Representative John Ratcliffe)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding:
● 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
● 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 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)
(Not Applicable)

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
(Not Applicable)
Texas Representative Lance Gooden
Republican—5th District (@replancegooden)

425 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-3484

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 5th District as of June 2019: 5
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Mesquite

Committee Assignments: Financial Services

Key Staff: Ryan Ethington (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://lancegooden.com):

State Representative Lance Gooden has proudly served the citizens of Henderson and Kaufman Counties in the Texas Legislature for three legislative sessions. During his time in office, Rep. Gooden has been widely recognized as one of the most effective leaders in the Texas House for his ability to turn sound, conservative policy into law. During the 85th Legislative Session, he served on the House Committees on Insurance and on Public Education. Rep. Gooden has deep roots in our district. He grew up in Terrell, was raised by parents who were life-long public school educators, and graduated from Terrell High School. After earning degrees from the University of Texas in Finance and Government, he went to work as an insurance broker for energy and energy-related companies, negotiating on their behalf in the insurance marketplace and helping to protect them from lawsuits and other business risks.

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(Representative Lance Gooden)

On the Issues

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

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

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

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)
● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
● 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 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
Texas Representative Ron Wright
Republican—6th District (@RepRonWright)

428 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-2002

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 6th District as of June 2019: 8
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Arlington

Committee Assignments: Education and Labor; Foreign Affairs

Key Staff: Blair Rotert (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://wright4congress.com):

Ron Wright is a sixth generation resident of Tarrant County. After graduating from Azle High School in 1971, he moved to Arlington to attend UTA. He has been active in political affairs and community service work for more than 30 years. Ron spent the first thirty years of his career in the private sector. His first job was milking cows on his family’s dairy farm in Springtown, Texas. After that, Ron worked in construction before managing an audio visual company at the age of 25. Ron then went to work at PVI Industries in Fort Worth, Texas, selling high-end commercial boilers and water heating equipment. Beginning in 1985, he spent fifteen years as a project manager for a cooling tower company in Fort Worth, Texas, overseeing multi-million dollar projects throughout the United States and Canada.

Ron has been active in partisan and nonpartisan politics for many years. He has held leadership positions in the local Republican Party, including as Republican club president and area leader. He has been a delegate to numerous district and state GOP conventions and was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in New York in 2004.

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On the Issues

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

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

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

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)
● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
● 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 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
Texas Representative
Lizzie Pannill Fletcher (@repfletcher)
Democrat—7th District

1429 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-2571

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 7th District as of June 2019: 6
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Houston

Committee Assignments: Science Space and Technology; Transportation and Infrastructure

Key Staff: Ben Jackson (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: 2019 (w/ Rep. Fletcher)*

From the Website (https://www.lizziefletcher.com):
After graduating from St. John’s School, I went to Kenyon College in Ohio, where I earned highest honors in History. After college, I worked for several years—including four at Houston’s Alley Theatre—before earning a fellowship to attend William & Mary Law School in Virginia. In law school, I was elected editor-in-chief of the William and Mary Law Review and graduated in 2006.

My legal career began in 2006 at Vinson & Elkins, an international law firm founded in Houston more than 100 years ago. A few years later, I joined Ahmad, Zavitsanos, Anaipakos, Alavi & Mensing (AZA), a 50-person firm based in Houston that focuses on high-stakes business litigation. I became the firm’s first woman partner in 2015. As a lawyer, I have had the privilege of representing Houstonians from diverse backgrounds who face difficult issues every day. They work in oilfields, hospitals, boardrooms, and small businesses. I listen to them. I solve their problems. I tell their stories. And I fight for them. I am proud that my work as a lawyer has led to recognition as one of the Best Lawyers in America, Texas SuperLawyers, and other professional accolades. But I am most proud that my work has helped improve the lives of many people in this community.

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On the Issues

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

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

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

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A

Peace Corps Stamp Act (HR 325)
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A

Other

Sam Farr 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
Texas Representative Kevin Brady
Republican—8th District @RepKevinBrady

1011 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-4901

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 8th District as of June 2019: 6
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1997

District Offices: Conroe, Huntsville

Committee Assignments: Ways and Means; Transportation

Key Staff: James O’Brien (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.kevinbrady.house.gov):

Prior to his election to Congress, Kevin worked as a chamber of commerce executive for 18 years and served six years in the Texas House of Representatives where he was named one of the Ten Best Legislators for Families & Children. In 1994 he was named one of Five Outstanding Young Texans.

Kevin is an original Hometown Hero of The Woodlands, a Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary and a Distinguished Alumni of the University of South Dakota. He and his family attend Saints Simons and Jude Catholic Church.
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)
- 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 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
Texas Representative Al Green
Democrat—9th District @RepAlGreen

2347 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-7508

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 9th District as of June 2019: 4
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2005

District Offices: Houston

Committee Assignments: Financial Services; Homeland Security

Key Staff: Tenzin Pelkyi (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.algreen.house.gov):

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Congressman Green’s family taught him the importance of positive preparation through education and righteous resistance to overcome persistent injustice. He attended Florida A&M University, Howard University, and the Tuskegee Institute. Before receiving an undergraduate degree, he enrolled in the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, where he earned his Juris Doctor degree in 1973. As a law student, he earned awards in the areas of Federal Procedure and Conflicts.

After graduating from law school, Congressman Green co-founded and co-managed the law firm of Green, Wilson, Dewberry, and Fitch. In 1977, he was appointed judge of a Harris County, Texas Justice Court, where he served for 26 years before retiring in 2004.
(Representative Al Green)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

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

● 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): 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 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): 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.
Texas Representative Michael McCaul
Republican—10th District @RepMcCaul

2001 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-2401

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 10th District as of June 2019: 9
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2005

District Offices: Austin, Brenham, Katy, Tomball

Committee Assignments: Foreign Affairs; Homeland Security (Chairman)

Congressman McCaul is the Ranking Member on the Foreign Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over most Peace Corps legislation.

Key Staff: Thomas Rice (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2012-2013, 2015, 2018
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Prior to Congress, Michael McCaul served as Chief of Counter Terrorism and National Security in the U.S. Attorney’s office, Western District of Texas, and led the Joint Terrorism Task Force charged with detecting, deterring and preventing terrorist activity. McCaul also served as Texas Deputy Attorney General under current U.S. Senator John Cornyn, and served as a federal prosecutor in the Department of Justice’s Public Integrity Section in Washington, D.C. A fourth-generation Texan, Congressman McCaul earned a B.A. in Business and History from Trinity University and holds a J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law. In 2009 Congressman McCaul was honored with St. Mary's Distinguished Graduate award. He is also a graduate of the Senior Executive Fellows Program of the School of Government, Harvard University.
(Representative Michael McCaul)

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: 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 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
Texas Representative K. Michael Conaway
Republican—11th District (@ConawayTX11)
2469 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-3605

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 11th District as of June 2019: 6
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2005

District Offices: Brownwood, Granbury, Llano, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo

Committee Assignments: Agriculture (Chairman); Armed Services; Intelligence

Key Staff: Michael Horder (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

Conaway was born in Borger in the Texas Panhandle northeast of Amarillo. He graduated in 1966 from Permian High School in Odessa in Ector County, where he played football. He is a 1970 graduate of East Texas State University (since renamed Texas A&M University–Commerce), where he also played football for the ETSU Lion Football team and majored in Accounting.

Conaway served in the United States Army from 1970 to 1972.
(Representative Michael Conaway)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
- Co-Sponsored Peace Corps Funding Legislation: 2008, 2009: NO
- 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: YES (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

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

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

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

Peace Corps Stamp Act (HR 325)
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
- 2013-2016: Did not co-sponsor

Other
Sam Farr 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
Texas Representative Kay Granger
Republican—12th District @RepKayGranger

1026 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-5071

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 12th District as of June 2019: 7
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1997

District Offices: Fort Worth

Committee Assignments: Appropriations

As the Ranking Republican of the Appropriations Committee, Rep. Granger plays an important role in determining how much funding is allocated for various federal programs. As a former chair of the very important State/Foreign Operations Subcommittee, which has direct jurisdiction over Peace Corps funding, Rep. Granger was awarded NPCA's Sam Farr Congressional Leadership Award in 2016.

Key Staff: Suzi Plasencia (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2011*, 2016
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2011-2014, 2016, 2017
- District Office Meetings: 2012*, 2015* (w/Granger), 2019*

From the Website (www.kaygranger.house.gov):
Born in Greenville, TX, Kay was raised in Fort Worth. Majoring in education, Kay - a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution - graduated from Texas Wesleyan University and became a high school journalism and English teacher. In 1978, she opened her own insurance agency and operated it for over 20 years, leading her to become the first woman inducted into the Fort Worth Business Hall of Fame. In 1991, she was elected as the first female Mayor of Fort Worth.

(Excerpt from July 27, 2011 of markup of FY 2012 State/Foreign Operations spending bill) “…this bill continues to support the Peace Corps. I want to thank Congressman Sam Farr for his commitment to the program. We cannot afford to fund the Corps at the Administration’s request but this sub-committee understands just how important this program is.”
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: 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 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
Texas Representative Mac Thornberry
Republican—13th District @MacTXPress

2208 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-3706

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers from the 13th District as of June 2019: 4
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1995

District Offices: Amarillo, Wichita Falls

Committee Assignments: Armed Services (Chairman)

Key Staff: Alex Navai (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

RPCV non-constituents met with staff of Rep. Thornberry in 2011.

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

Born in Clarendon and raised on the family ranch in Donley County, Mac graduated from Clarendon High School before continuing his education at Texas Tech University. After obtaining a B.A. in history from Tech in 1980, he went on to the University of Texas Law School where he graduated in 1983.

For the next several years, he worked in Washington, including serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs in the State Department under President Reagan. In 1989, Mac joined his brothers in the cattle business and practiced law in Amarillo.
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: 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 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
Texas Representative Randy Weber
Republican – 14th District @TexRandy14

107 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-2831

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 14th District as of June 2019: 6
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2013

District Offices: Beaumont, Lake Jackson, League City

Committee Assignments: Science, Space, and Technology; Transportation

Key Staff: Chara McMichael (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2013*, 2016, 2017, 2018
- District Office Meetings: 2015*

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

Randy has lived in a 20-mile radius for over 59 years, and been married to Brenda Weber, a schoolteacher, for over 35 years. He is a graduate of Alvin Community College and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Houston at Clear Lake.

www.peacecorpsconnect.org Updated February 2020
(Representative Randy Weber)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding:
● 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: YES (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

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

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

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)
● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
● 115th Congress (2017-18): 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 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)
● 113th Congress (2013-14): Did not co-sponsor
● 1/13/14 House Vote to Support Commemorative (passed 387 – 7) NO

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
(Signed into law in 2011)
● 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A
● Representative Weber 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
Texas Representative Vicente Gonzalez
Democrat—15th District (@RepGonzalez)

113 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-2531

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 15th District as of June 2019: 3
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: Edinburg; Falfurrias; San Diego; Benavides

Committee Assignments: Financial Services; Foreign Affairs

Key Staff: Louise Bentsen (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://gonzalez.house.gov/about)

Congressman Gonzalez was born in Corpus Christi. He earned his GED in 1985 before attending Del Mar College where he received an Associate’s degree in Banking and Finance in 1990. He worked his way through college at Embry Riddle University where many of his classmates were active duty military personnel. He earned a Bachelor’s degree in Business Aviation in 1992 and later earned a Juris Doctorate degree from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law (now Texas A&M School of Law) in 1996. While attending law school, Congressman Gonzalez worked as an intern in the office former Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz. In 1997, Congressman Gonzalez opened his law practice, V. Gonzalez & Associates. Congressman Gonzalez was influenced by his father, a Korean War veteran to help individuals fight for their rights and practiced law for 20 years. As a small business owner, Congressman Gonzalez understands the challenges facing American businesses. He secured a position on the Committee on Financial Services. In Congress, he is working across party lines and with local, state, and federal government to expand economic opportunity for all. A lifetime resident of South Texas, Congressman Gonzalez is married to Lorena Saenz Gonzalez, a former teacher and school administrator in Edinburg and McAllen. They reside in McAllen.

www.peacecorpsconnect.org Updated February 2020
(Representative Vicente Gonzalez)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: 2017-19: 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 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
Texas Representative
Veronica Escobar (@repescobar)
Democrat—16th District

1505 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-4831

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 16th District as of June 2019: 11
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: El Paso

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Judiciary

Key Staff: Alex Sabater (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://veronicaescobar.com):

Veronica Escobar is a third-generation El Pasoan who has dedicated herself to the betterment of the community. She is the Democratic Nominee for Congress in Texas’ 16th District after winning a majority of the vote in a crowded primary race with 61% of the vote.

Veronica is proud to have served as County Judge where she was able to have an extraordinary impact on the lives of El Pasoans. Judge Escobar expanded access to affordable healthcare through her support of the El Paso County Hospital District, which has provided vital services for the community and built two new, modern clinics that provide primary care to some of the poorest El Pasoans. She was also instrumental in the foundation of El Paso Children’s Hospital, the only stand-alone children’s hospital on the border.

www.peacecorpsconnect.org Updated February 2020
(Representative Veronica Escobar)

On the Issues

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

www.peacecorpsconnect.org Updated February 2020
Texas Representative Bill Flores
Republican—17th District @RepBillFlores

2228 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-6105

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 17th District as of June 2019: 6
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2011

District Offices: Austin, Bryan-College Station, Waco

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce; Budget

Key Staff: Andrew Furman (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

A ninth generation Texan, Flores was raised in Stratford, a small town in the Texas Panhandle, and comes from a long Texas family ranching heritage. He is the oldest of six children and was born at Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, WY. After his father’s military tour of duty, his family moved back to the family’s roots in Stratford, Texas.

Through hard work, determination and prudent saving, Flores paid his own way through Texas A&M University, from which he graduated in 1976 with a BBA in Accounting (Cum Laude). In 1985, he received an MBA from Houston Baptist University. In 2010, Texas A&M University honored him as a Distinguished Alumnus, the highest honor bestowed upon a former student of A&M, and in 2003, he was recognized as an Outstanding Alumnus of Texas A&M’s Mays Business School.

He and his wife are also major contributors to Wounded Warrior programs. Their community involvement includes service as an active volunteer for charitable causes and not-for-profit organizations. Flores’s hobbies include snow skiing and flying. He is an instrument rated private pilot with more than 2,400 hours of pilot-in-command time.
(Representative Bill Flores)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  - 2011-13, 2015-2019: NO
  - 2014: YES
- 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: YES (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

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

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

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

Peace Corps Stamp Act (HR 325)
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
- 2013-2016: Did not co-sponsor

Other

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

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

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

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
- Signed into law in 2011
- 112th Congress (2011-12): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation
Texas Representative
Sheila Jackson-Lee
Democrat—18th District @JacksonLeeTX18

2079 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-3816

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 18th District as of June 2019: 3
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1995

District Offices: Houston District, Acres, Fifth Ward, Heights

Committee Assignments: Homeland Security; Judiciary; Budget

Key Staff: Remmington Belford (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2008, 2016*
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee earned a B.A. in Political Science from Yale University
with honors, followed by a J.D. from the University of Virginia Law School. Most recently, she
was named the Member of Congress with the largest and most impressive vocabulary based
on the words that may be found on the SAT.

(concerning foreign affairs): Congresswoman Jackson Lee strongly believes in the value of
multilateralism and constructive engagement with other members of the international
community. As a Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, she works to encourage a
balanced and thoughtful approach to foreign policy, emphasizing the importance of dialogue
and diplomacy as tools of the first, rather than the last, resort.

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(Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
● Co-Sponsored Peace Corps Funding Legislation:
  2008: YES
  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): CO-SPONSOR

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

Other

Sam Farr 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)
● 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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National Peace Corps Association
Texas Representative Jodey Arrington
Republican—19th District
(@RepArrington)

1029 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-4005

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 19th District as of June 2019: 3
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: Abilene, Lubbock

Committee Assignments: Ways and Means; Budget;

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

Key Staff: Alex Stepaihin (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://arrington.house.gov/about)
A graduate of Plainview High School, Jodey attended Texas Tech University earning a BA in Political Science and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration. He later became an Advisor to President Bush in the White House, responsible for helping assemble President Bush’s leadership team in critical areas such as agriculture, water, and energy…After leaving the White House, Jodey served as Chief of Staff to the FDIC Chairman and Amarillo native Don Powell…In 2007, Jodey’s leadership focused on the Texas Tech University System, serving as Chief of Staff to Chancellor and former Congressman, Kent Hance.

Jodey is President of Scott Laboratories, Inc., a company responsible for commercializing health care innovations, including a new telemedicine venture. Jodey lives in Lubbock with his wife, Anne, and their three children. They are active members of their local church where he teaches Sunday school and serves as an elder. Jodey serves on numerous boards and committees related to Christian ministry, economic development, and renewable energy.

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(Representative Jodey Arrington)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2017-19: 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
- 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 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
Texas Representative Joaquin Castro
Democrat—20th District @JoaquinCastrotx

2241 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-3236

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 20th District as of June 2019: 12
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2013

District Offices: San Antonio

Committee Assignments: Intelligence; Foreign Affairs; Education and Labor

Congressman Castro sits on the Foreign Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over most Peace Corps legislation. He also sits on subcommittee which works directly on Peace Corps matters

Key Staff: Christian Krueger (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
  ● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
  ● DC Meetings With Staff: 2013, 2016, 2018
  ● District Office Meetings: 2019*

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

Joaquin Castro was born in San Antonio, Texas on September 16, 1974. A second-generation Mexican American, he was raised on the city’s Westside and is a proud product of the public school system.

Joaquin has worked hard to seize the opportunities created by the sacrifices of his grandmother and prior generations. After finishing high school a year early, Joaquin left San Antonio to graduate with honors from Stanford University in 1996. He then went on to attend Harvard Law School where he received his Juris Doctorate degree in 2000. Upon his return to San Antonio at 28 years old, Joaquin joined a private law practice and was elected into the Texas Legislature. He served five terms as state representative for District 125.

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(Representative Joaquin Castro)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2013-2019: 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): 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 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
Texas Representative Chip Roy
Republican—21st District (@ChipRoyTX)

1319 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-4236

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 21st District as of June 2019: 14
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: San Antonio

Committee Assignments: Budget; Oversight and Government Reform; Veterans’ Affairs

Key Staff: Jason Rogers (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://chiproy.com):

Chip Roy is a genuine conservative, a committed husband and father and a true patriot with extensive experience in both the private sector and public service.

He served in several top leadership positions for Texas elected officials, including as the First Assistant Attorney General of Texas under Ken Paxton. Prior to that, he served as Chief of Staff to U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and as a senior advisor to Texas Governor Rick Perry – including as director of State-Federal Relations for the State of Texas.

He is also a former federal prosecutor, having served as Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Texas, and served Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) as staff director of his leadership office and senior counsel on the Senate Judiciary Committee. He spent nearly 3 years as an investment banking analyst with NationsBanc Capital Markets. He received a B.S. in Commerce and an M.S. in Management Information Systems from the University of Virginia as well as a J.D. from the University of Texas. He is married to Carrah Roy, and has two children, Charlie and Virginia. He is a member of Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin, Texas.

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On the Issues

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

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

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

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)
● 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor
● 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 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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Texas Representative Pete Olson
Republican—22nd District @OlsonPressShop

2133 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-5951

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers From the 22nd District as of June 2019: 6
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2009

District Offices: Pearland, Sugar Land, Katy

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce; Science Space and Technology

Key Staff: Michael Richards (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

He was born on December 9, 1962 at the Madigan Army Medical Center in Fort Lewis, Washington. The Olson family settled in Seabrook, Texas in 1972, where Olson grew up and graduated from Clear Lake High School in 1981. He received a B.A. from Rice University in 1985 and earned his law degree from the University of Texas in 1988. On the day he completed the Texas bar examination, Pete took the oath of office for service in the United States Navy.

Pete attended Aviation Officer Candidate School and earned his Wings of Gold in March 1991. During his decorated career, he flew the P-3C Orion, which is designed to track and destroy ballistic missile submarines. During his deployments, Pete flew missions over the Sea of Okhotsk between Japan and Russia, the South China Sea, the Indian Ocean, and the Persian Gulf, where he helped to enforce the international sanctions levied upon Iraq after Operation Desert Storm.

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On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2009-2019: NO
- Co-Sponsored Peace Corps Funding Legislation:
  2009: NO
- 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: YES (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

Peace Corps Caucus

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

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)

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

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

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

Peace Corps Stamp Act (HR 325)

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

Other

Sam Farr 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
Texas Current Volunteers: 368  
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)  
Volunteers in the 23rd District as of June 2019: 5  
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2015

District Offices:  San Antonio Northside, San Antonio Southside, Del Rio District, Eagle Pass District, Socorro District

Committee Assignments:  Appropriations; Intelligence

Key Staff:  Connor Pfeiffer (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community  (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
  ● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None  
  ● DC Meetings With Staff: 2016, 2017, 2019  
  ● District Office Meetings: None

In June 2019, Hurd staff Connor Pfeiffer met with Luis Argueta of Guatemala, winner of NPCA’s Harris Wofford Global Leadership Award.

From The Website (https://hurd.house.gov):

Will was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. A proud product of Texas’s public school system, he attended John Marshall High School and Texas A&M University. After college, Mr. Hurd served as an undercover officer in the CIA in the Middle East and South Asia for nearly a decade, collecting intelligence that influenced the National Security agenda. Upon leaving the CIA, he became a Senior Advisor with a cybersecurity firm, covering a wide range of complex challenges faced by manufacturers, financial institutions, retailers, and critical infrastructure owners. He was also a partner with a strategic advisory firm helping businesses expand into international markets.

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On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding:
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2015-2019: 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): 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 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)
Texas Representative Kenny Marchant  
Republican—24th District  
(@RepKenMarchant)  
2304 Rayburn House Office Building  
202-225-6605  

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2005  

District Offices: Irving  

Committee Assignments: Ways and Means, Ethics  

Key Staff: Lindsay Hurley (Foreign Policy Issues)  

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

From the Website ([www.marchant.house.gov](http://www.marchant.house.gov)):  

Congressman Marchant was born in Bonham, Texas on February 23, 1951, and was then raised in Carrollton. He earned his bachelor’s degree at Southern Nazarene University. After graduating from Southern Nazarene University, Congressman Marchant started his own construction and home building business.  

(concerning foreign affairs): “I am committed to protecting our nation at home and our interests abroad with a strong, principled, and rational foreign policy. I favor diplomacy and working in concert with other nations to help spread the cause of democracy, freedom, human rights, and the rule of law. In the increasingly interconnected and globalized society of the early 21st century, I recognize the critical importance of working with our allies in pursuit of international security.”
(Representative Kenny Marchant)
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)
- 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 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
Texas Representative Roger Williams
Republican—25th District @RepRWilliams

1708 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-9896

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 25th District as of June 2019: 9
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2013

District Offices: Austin, Cleburne

Committee Assignments: Financial Services

Key Staff: Katie Crane (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 (www.williams.house.gov):

Prior to his election in November 2012, Congressman Williams served his country in a number of ways and brings a unique background to Congress. He was raised in the Fort Worth area where he graduated from high school and later played baseball at Texas Christian University.

After graduating from college, he was drafted by the Atlanta Braves where he played in their farm system before an injury ended his sports career and forced him to begin his business career. He began working in the family car business and has owned and operated the business for 40 years.
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2013-2019: NO
- 6/18/19 House vote on Walker Amendment, which included eliminating FY2020 Peace Corps Funding: YES (Final vote was 110 Yes, 315 No...Walker amendment was not passed)

Peace Corps Caucus

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

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Texas Representative Michael Burgess
Republican—26th District @michaelburgess

2161 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-7772

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 26th District as of June 2019: 11
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2003

District Offices: Lake Dallas

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce; Rules

Key Staff: Rachel Huggins (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

"I received my M.D. from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston, and completed my residency programs at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. I also received a master's degree in Medical Management from the University of Texas at Dallas, and in May of 2009 was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Public Service from the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center."

(concerning foreign affairs): "As the world's foremost democracy, it is incumbent upon the United States to protect democracies wherever they may be. This requires a commitment to a strong national defense and, where freedom is at risk, intervening only when the evidence for action is stark. I proudly support the efforts of furthering democracy in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as the enduring fights to ensure every ballot is fair. I also am supportive of ensuring North Korea remains nuclear-free, arms-free and moves from a dictatorship to a democracy."

On the House Floor
(Excerpt from February 28, 2008) "The Peace Corps provides an invaluable service to the world and I believe it is important that we recognize that service. The admirable men and women who dedicate their time to serving others truly make this world a better place."

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(Representative Michael Burgess)
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)
● 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 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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Texas Representative
Michael Cloud
Republican—27th District (@RepCloudTX)

1314 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-7742

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 27th District as of June 2019: 3
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Corpus Christi; Victoria

Committee Assignments: Oversight and Government Reform; Science Space and Technology

Key Staff: Sarah-Hope Nail (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://cloud.house.gov):

Michael Cloud is a Constitutional Conservative who represents the 27th District of Texas in the U.S. Congress and has been a longtime defender of American values, committed to fighting for economic growth, our Constitutional liberties, and a strong national defense.

Michael is a husband and father, a business owner, and a longtime grassroots conservative leader from Victoria, Texas, where he has lived for the past 20 years. Michael’s wife Rosel is a naturalized citizen and a public school teacher. Michael and Rosel are the proud parents of three children. The Clouds are patriotic Texans and active members of Faith Family Church, where Michael previously served on staff for ten years.

Michael’s top priorities include protecting our Texas values and keeping Washington out of our business. He believes in lower taxes, pro-growth economic policies and restoring the rule of law, especially to our flawed immigration system. He is committed to working with local leadership to improve infrastructure and serve the people of District 27.

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On the Issues

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

Peace Corps 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 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)
  - 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A
  - 113th Congress (2013-14): N/A
  - 1/13/14 House Vote to Support Commemorative N/A

- Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011
  (Signed into law in 2011)
  - 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A

Texas Representative Henry Cuellar
Democrat—28th District @RepCuellar

2372 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-1640

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 28th District as of June 2019: 3
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2005

District Offices: San Antonio, Rio Grande City, Laredo, Mission

Committee Assignments: Appropriations

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

Key Staff: Jacob Hochberg (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

From the Website (www.cuellar.house.gov):
After earning his associate’s degree from Laredo Community College, he used the skills and confidence he gained to enroll in Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. While attending Georgetown, he washed dishes and worked other jobs to afford his college degree, graduating from Georgetown Cum Laude. When he returned to Texas, Congressman Cuellar completed a master’s degree in International Trade at Texas A&M International University and earned a law degree and Ph.D. in Government from the University of Texas at Austin.

In 1981, Congressman Cuellar opened his own law firm and became a licensed customs broker in 1983. He worked at his beloved alma mater, TAMIU, as an Adjunct Professor for International Commercial Law from 1984 to 1986. The following year, Congressman Cuellar decided to fully dedicate his life to public service and served as a Texas State Representative from 1987 until he was appointed as the Texas Secretary of State in 2001.

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(Representative Henry Cuellar)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2005-2014, 2016-2019: NO
  2015: 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 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
Texas Representative Sylvia Garcia
Democrat—29th District (@RepSylviaGarcia)

1620 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-1688

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 29th District as of June 2019: 5
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Houston

Committee Assignments: Financial Services; Judiciary

Key Staff: John Gorczynski (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://sylviaforcongress.com):

Senator Sylvia R. Garcia is a native of Palito Blanco, a South Texas farming community. The eighth of ten children, Senator Garcia saw her parents struggle to raise her and her siblings. Senator Garcia's parents taught her that with hard work and a good education she could accomplish anything.

As a result of these lessons, Senator Garcia dedicated herself to success at school. She earned a scholarship to Texas Woman's University in Denton, where she graduated with a degree in social work and political science. Senator Garcia then received her Doctor of Jurisprudence from Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in Houston, working several jobs to pay for her tuition. Just as her parents believed in her future, Senator Garcia believes the children of Texas can do anything.

Senator Garcia has dedicated her life to her community and to public service. As a social worker and legal aid lawyer early in her professional career, she protected our community's most vulnerable, old and young, and ensured no one was forgotten.

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(Representative Sylvia Garcia)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

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

Peace Corps Caucus

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

Peace Corps Reauthorization Legislation (HR 3456)

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

Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (HR 1411)

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

Peace Corps Stamp Act (HR 325)

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

Other

Sam Farr 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
Texas Representative
Eddie Bernice Johnson
Democrat—30th District (@RepEBJ)

2306 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-8885

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 30th District as of June 2019: 5
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1992

District Offices: Dallas

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

Key Staff: Nawaid Ladak (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

Congresswoman Johnson studied nursing at St. Mary's College at the University of Notre Dame. She returned to Texas when she successfully passed the National Board Examination in Nursing. She later became Chief Psychiatric Nurse at the VA Hospital in Dallas and received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Texas Christian University in 1967. She received a master's degree in public administration from Southern Methodist University in 1976. Congresswoman Johnson is the first nurse to be elected to the U.S. Congress.
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  - 2005: NO
  - 2006-2019: 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): 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
- 114th Congress (2015-16) Did not co-sponsor
- 113th Congress (2013-14) CO-SPONSOR

Other

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

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

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)

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

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)

(Signed into law in 2014)

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

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011

(Signed into law in 2011)

- 112th Congress (2011-12): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation
Texas Representative John Carter  
Republican—31st District @JudgeCarter

2110 Rayburn House Office Building  
202-225-3864

Texas Current Volunteers: 368  
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)  
Volunteers in the 31st District as of June 2019: 8  
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2003

District Offices: Round Rock, Temple

Committee Assignments: Appropriations

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

Key Staff: Grady Bourn (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2009*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2015, 2017, 2018
- District Office Meetings: None

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

A true Texan at heart, Congressman Carter was born and raised in Houston and has spent his adult life in Central Texas. Carter attended Texas Tech University where he graduated with a degree in History and then graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 1969.
(Representative John Carter)

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: 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 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): CO-SPONSOR
Texas Representative Colin Allred
Democrat—32nd District (@RepColinAllred)

328 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-2231

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 32nd District as of June 2019: 13
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Richardson

Committee Assignments: Foreign Affairs; Transportation and Infrastructure; Veterans’ Affairs

Key Staff: Emily Webber (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.colinallred.com):

Inspired by the many grassroots voices that have stepped forward to defend our common values since the 2016 election, Colin is running for Congress because he believes that, now more than ever, we need leaders who will stand up for everyone in our community — instead of catering to the special interests that rigged the system against ordinary people in the first place.

At a time when the nation has never been more divided — and economic opportunity is increasingly out of reach for Texas families — Colin is fighting to empower the communities he grew up in by improving public education, encouraging economic growth, ensuring access to quality health care for all, and protecting our civil rights and liberties. Allred’s Aunt and Uncle served as PCV in Fiji.
On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
● Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: 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 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
Texas Representative Marc Veasey
Democrat—33rd District @RepVeasey

2348 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-9897

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 33rd District as of June 2019: 1
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2013

District Offices: Dallas, Fort Worth

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce; Small Business

Key Staff: Thaddeus Woody (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.veasey.house.gov):

Congressman Marc Veasey was born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas. He and his wife Tonya live in the Metroplex area and have a seven-year-old son, Adam. Representative Veasey earned a BA from Texas Wesleyan University, where he majored in Mass Communication.
(Representative Marc Veasey)

**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 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

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Texas Representative Filemon Vela
Democrat—34th District @RepFilemonVela

307 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-9901

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 34th District as of June 2019: 3
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2013

District Offices: Alice, Brownsville, San Benito, Weslaco

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Agriculture

Key Staff: Julie Merberg (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

Filemon Vela was born in Harlingen and raised in Brownsville, Texas. He graduated from
Georgetown University and then went on to earn a Juris Doctorate from the University of
Texas Law School. For over 20 years, Filemon has practiced law, helping countless
individuals seek justice in our court system.
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 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

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Texas Representative Lloyd Doggett
Democrat—35th District (@RepLloydDoggett)

2307 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-4865

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 35th District as of June 2019: 6
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1995

District Offices: Austin, San Antonio

Committee Assignments: Ways and Means; Budget

Key Staff: Kate Stotesbery (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2011*, 2019
- District Office Meetings: 2019*

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

At the University of Texas in Austin, he was elected Student Body President in 1967 and graduated first in his class from the College of Business Administration. Later, he graduated from the UT School of Law with honors, while serving as an associate editor of the Texas Law Review. Elected to the Texas Senate, he became known for his untiring work ethic. He authored 124 state laws, including the creation of the Texas Commission on Human Rights to prohibit discrimination and the Texas Sunset Act, which continues to seek greater efficiency and accountability by requiring periodic review of government agencies.

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(Representative Lloyd Doggett)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2005, 2007-2010: 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): CO-SPONSOR
- 2013-2016: Did not co-sponsor

Other

Sam Farr 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): 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): CO-SPONSOR

Representative Doggett also signed a 2014 letter to federal authorities urging more involvement in the investigation of the death of Peace Corps Volunteer Kate Puzey
Texas Representative Brian Babin
Republican—36th District @RepBrianBabin

2236 Rayburn House Office Building
202-225-1555

Texas Current Volunteers: 368
(Texas Volunteers in 1966: 343)
Volunteers in the 36th District as of June 2019: 6
Texas Volunteers Since 1961: 8,174

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2015

District Offices: Deer Park, Orange, Woodville, Cleveland Satellite

Committee Assignments: Science, Space, and Technology; Transportation

Key Staff: Ben Taylor (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

From the Website (https://babin.house.gov/):

Congressman Babin was born in Port Arthur, Texas and grew up in Beaumont. He graduated with a bachelor of science from Lamar University and completed dental school at the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston, Texas. He and his wife Roxanne live in Woodville, Texas and have been married since 1972. They have 5 children and 11 grandchildren.

Prior to being elected to Congress, Babin served as an airborne artilleryman in the U.S. Army Reserve and in the Texas Army National Guard and held various jobs to put himself through school including: merchant seaman, janitor, musician, and U.S. Post Office letter carrier. Following his graduation from dental school, he served in the United States Air Force and was stationed overseas.

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(Representative Brian Babin)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding:
- 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
- 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 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)