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

Key Staff: Tim Rieser, Foreign Policy Issues

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

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

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### Peace Corps Issues and Senator Leahy

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| Senate Dear Colleague Letter: **Peace Corps Funding** | 2021: N/A  
**Did not** sign in 2006 – 2020 |
| Senate Dear Colleague Letter: **Support robust international affairs funding** | **Did not** sign in 2017 – 2019  
**Did not** sign in 2020  
(COVID–19 International Response) |
| **117th Congress (2021–2022)**  
Health Force, Resilience Force and Jobs to Fight COVID–19 Act (S. 32) | **Has not** co–sponsored in 2021 |
| **116th Congress (2019–2020)**  
Peace Corps Specific COVID–19 Legislation | S. 3700: **Did not** co–sponsor  
S. 3642: **Did not** co–sponsor |
| **116th Congress (2019–2020)**  
**CORPS Act (S. 3964)**  
*Expand COVID–19 National Service Response Positions (Including Priority Preference for Evacuees)* | **Did not** co–sponsor |
| **116th Congress (2019–2020)**  
**Peace Corps Mission Accountability Act (S. 2320)**  
*Legislation opposed by NPCA* | **Did not** co–sponsor |

### Other Notes:

Because Peace Corps and international affairs letters were addressed to Senator Leahy as a leader of the Appropriations State/Foreign Operations Subcommittee, he would not be expected to sign.

Senator Leahy was a **co–sponsor** of the Peace Corps Equity Act (2014).
United States Senate

Senator Bernie Sanders
Vermont Independent

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

Contact Form: https://www.sanders.senate.gov/contact/contact-form/

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

State Offices: Burlington, St. Johnsbury

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

Key Staff: Matthew Duss, Foreign Policy Issues

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

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## Peace Corps Issues and Senator Sanders

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| Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding      | 2021: N/A  
**Did not** sign in 2010  
| Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Support robust international affairs funding | **Signed on** in 2017 – 2019  
**Did not** sign in 2020  
(COVID–19 International Response) |
**S. 3642: Did not** co–sponsor |
| 116th Congress (2019–2020) CORPS Act (S. 3964)  
Expand COVID–19 National Service Response Positions (Including Priority Preference for Evacuees) | **Did not** co–sponsor |
Legislation opposed by NPCA | **Did not** co–sponsor |

### Other Notes:

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

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

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Contact Form: Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2007

District Offices: Burlington

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

Key Staff: Megan Foster, Foreign Policy Issues

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

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### Peace Corps Issues and Rep. Welch

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| House Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding                                  | 2021: N/A  
  **Did not** sign in 2007 – 2009  
  **Signed on** in 2010 – 2020                                                   |
| House Peace Corps Caucus                                                          | **Has not** joined in 2021  
  2019–2020: **Joined**  
  2015–2018: **Did not** join  
  2013–2014: **Joined**                                                          |
| 117th Congress (2021–2022) Peace Corps Reauthorization Act                       | **Has not** co–sponsored in 2021  
  116th Congress (2019–2020): **Did not** co–sponsor                           |
  H.R. 6560: **Co–sponsor**                                                     |
| 116th Congress (2019–2020) Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 6118)    | **Did not** co–sponsor                                                  |
| 116th Congress (2019–2020) Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (H.R. 1411)    | **Did not** co–sponsor  
  2015–2018: **Did not** co–sponsor  
  2013–2014: **Co–sponsor**                                                     |
| 116th Congress (2019–2020) Walker Amendment: A vote on a proposal to offset disaster relief funding by cutting many programs, including elimination of Peace Corps funding for FY 2020 NPCA opposed this amendment, which was defeated 315 to 110 | Voted No                                                                 |

**Other Notes**: Rep Welch was a **co–sponsor** of the Peace Corps Equity Act (2014), Peace Corps Commemorative legislation (2011–2014), the Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act (2011) and Peace Corps funding legislation (2009).