North Dakota Senator Kevin Cramer
Republican (@SenKevinCramer)

400 Russell Senate Office Building
202-224-2043

North Dakota Current Volunteers: 0 (7 pre-evacuation)
(North Dakota Volunteers in 1967: 43)
North Dakota Volunteers Since 1961: 595

Began Service in the Senate: 2019 (served in the House of Representatives 2013-2018)

District Offices: Fargo, Minot

Committee Assignments: Armed Services; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; Budget; Environment and Public Works; Veterans Affairs

Key Staff: Colby Cuhns (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://www.kevin cram er.org/):

Cramer was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives on Nov. 6, 2012. He serves on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, which has the broadest jurisdiction of any committee in Congress. Rep. Cramer is assigned to three subcommittees: Communications and Technology, Energy, and Environment. In November 2016, Cramer was elevated to the influential House Republican Steering Committee as the Small State Representative. The Steering Committee determines all committee assignments and chairmanships. He was North Dakota’s only member of the House of Representatives. Cramer has made constituent outreach a top priority, describing interacting with the public as “the best part of public service.” According to LegiStorm, the Capitol Hill government issues website, Cramer has held the most town halls of any member of Congress.
(Senator Kevin Cramer)

(Note: While serving in the House of Representatives, Congressman Cramer did not sign Peace Corps funding letters, did not join the House Peace Corps Caucus, and did not co-sponsor Peace Corps funding legislation)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2018: N/A  2020: NO

International Affairs Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation

● S. 3700 - 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

CORPS Act (S. 3964)
(Expand COVID-19 National Service Response Positions - Including Priority Preference for Evacuees)

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

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

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

Other

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

● 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (S. 2291)

● 113th Congress (2013-14): N/A

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (S. 230)
(Signed into law 2014)

● 113th Congress (2013-14): N/A

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

● 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A

Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act
(Not signed into law)

● 111th Congress (2009-10): N/A

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North Dakota Senator John Hoeven
Republican (@SenJohnHoeven)

338 Russell Senate Office Building
202-224-2551

North Dakota Current Volunteers: 0 (7 pre-evacuation)
(North Dakota Volunteers in 1967: 43)
North Dakota Volunteers Since 1961: 595

Began Service in the Senate: 2011

State Offices: Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot

Committee Assignments: Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; Appropriations; Energy and Natural Resources; Indian Affairs

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

Key Staff: Josh Carter (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

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

Senator Hoeven was born in Bismarck. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Dartmouth College in 1979 and a master's degree in business administration from Northwestern University in 1981. He served as executive vice president of First Western Bank in Minot from 1986 to 1993 and established a strong position of service in many civic, community, and economic development activities prior to elective office. From 1993-2000, he served as president and CEO of Bank of North Dakota (BND), which grew from $900 million to $1.6 billion under his leadership.
(Senator John Hoeven)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding


International Affairs Funding


Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation

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CORPS Act (S. 3964)
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Peace Corps Mission Accountability Act (S.2320) - Legislation opposed by NPCA

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

Other

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 Hoeven 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): N/A

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North Dakota Representative
Kelly Armstrong
Republican—At Large (@RepArmstrongND)

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202-225-2611

North Dakota Current Volunteers: 0 (7 pre-evacuation)
(North Dakota Volunteers in 1967: 43)
North Dakota Volunteers Since 1961: 595

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Bismarck, Fargo

Committee Assignments: Judiciary; Oversight and Government Reform

Key Staff: Erin Beebe (Foreign Policy Issues)

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

From the Website (https://www.armstrongnd.com):
Kelly is a lifelong, devoted North Dakotan who grew up in Dickinson, spending his childhood on baseball diamonds and wrestling mats. However, his true passion was and continues to be the outdoors. In the summers he could be found on Lake Sakakawea and during the fall he was bow hunting in the badlands.

After graduating from Dickinson High School in 1995, Kelly attended the University of North Dakota and obtained a bachelor’s degree in 2001. He then attended UND law school, graduating in 2003. Kelly returned home to Dickinson during his college summers to coach the Dickinson Roughriders American Legion baseball team. While his teams found success on the field, Kelly is most proud of the successes his players achieved off the field. A passionate mentor, he still keeps in touch with many of his former players and enjoys watching them grow into successful adults.
(Representative Kelly Armstrong)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2018: N/A
  2020: 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 Specific COVID-19 Legislation

Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 6118)
- 116th Congress (2019-2020): Not currently a co-sponsor

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

Other
- Sam Farr Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)
  (Signed into law in 2018)
- 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A
- 114th Congress (2015-2016): N/A

- Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)
  (Signed into law in 2014)
  - 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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