Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley
Republican (@ChuckGrassley)

135 Hart Senate Office Building
202-224-3744

Iowa Current Volunteers: 0 (81 pre-evacuation)
(Iowa Volunteers in 1965: 226)
Iowa Volunteers Since 1961: 2,506

Began Service in the Senate: 1981

State Offices: Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Davenport, Des Moines, Sioux City, Waterloo

Committee Assignments: Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Budget; Finance; Judiciary;
Joint Committee on Taxation

Senator Grassley sits on the Budget Committee, which puts forth a budget blueprint each year for federal spending, including proposed funding levels for international affairs programs.

Key Staff: James Rice (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2019*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2014, 2016*, 2018, 2020*
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Senator Grassley was born on September 17, 1933 in New Hartford, Iowa. He earned his B.A. in 1955 and his M.A. in 1956, both from the University of Northern Iowa. He then continued on to do Ph.D. work in Political Science at the University of Iowa. He is a member of the Farm Bureau, the Butler County and State of Iowa Historical Societies, Pi Gamma Mu, Kappa Delta Pi, the International Association of Machinists 1962-71, the Masons, the Eagles, and the Baptist Church.

(concerning foreign diplomacy): Since 1986, he has hosted international delegations to Iowa every other year. Triggered by an effort to address the economic downturn in Iowa after the farm crisis in the 1980s, this foreign-exchange road trip across Iowa creates lasting goodwill and relationships with Iowans who open their businesses and family farms to tours and homes to overnight guests. It’s grassroots diplomacy. Nothing can break down a cultural barrier more meaningfully than a friendly smile and warm handshake.

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On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
- Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:

International Affairs Funding
- Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding

Peace Corps Specific COVID-19 Legislation

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

Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act
(Not signed into law)
- 111th Congress (2009-10): NO
Iowa Senator Joni Ernst
Republican (@SenJoniErnst)
730 Hart Senate Office Building
202-224-3254

Iowa Current Volunteers: 0 (81 pre-evacuation)
(Iowa Volunteers in 1965: 226)
Iowa Volunteers Since 1961: 2,506

Began Service in the Senate: 2015

State Offices: Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Des Moines, Sioux City, Council Bluffs

Committee Assignments: Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; Armed Services; Judiciary; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; Environment and Public Works

Key Staff: Jeremy Hayes (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2016*, 2017, 2018, 2019*, 2020*
- District Office Meetings: 2015*

From the Website (http://www.ernst.senate.gov):

Born and raised on a farm in Montgomery County, Joni’s parents instilled in her the values important to Iowans: hard work, service and sacrifice. As a mother, soldier and independent voice, Joni is committed to bringing these values to Washington, D.C.

Joni received her undergraduate degree from Iowa State University where she joined the university’s ROTC program. After graduating, Joni joined the U.S. Army Reserves. In 2003, Joni served as a company commander in Kuwait and Iraq, leading 150 Iowa Army National Guardsmen during Operation Iraqi Freedom. A veteran and soldier, Joni continues to serve as a Lt. Colonel in the Iowa Army National Guard.

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(Senator Joni Ernst)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2006-2010, 2012, 2014: N/A
  2016-2020: NO

International Affairs Funding

● Signed Senate “Dear Colleague” Letters supporting robust international affairs funding
  2017, 2018, 2019: NO
  2020 (COVID-19 International Response): NO

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
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Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (S. 230)
(Signed into law 2014)
● 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A
● 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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Iowa Representative Abby Finkenauer
Democrat—1st District (@RepFinkenauer)

124 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-2911

Iowa Current Volunteers: 0 (81 pre-evacuation)
(Iowa Volunteers in 1965: 226)
Volunteers in the 1st District as of Sep. 2016: 14
Iowa Volunteers Since 1961: 2,506

Began Service in the House in: 2019

District Offices: Cedar Rapids

Committee Assignments: Small Business; Transportation and Infrastructure

Key Staff: Michael Bauman (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2019, 2020
- District Office Meetings: None

From The Website (https://www.abbyfinkenauer.com):
In 2014, Abby was elected to represent Dubuque in the Iowa Legislature. She has become known as a staunch defender of working families and a vocal advocate for women. As government and policy decisions have made it more difficult each year for working Iowans to get ahead, Abby has been on the front lines fighting back and making sure hardworking Iowans have a voice and a vote.

In the State House Abby led the fight for Iowa’s working families, small businesses and main streets. Never one to back down from a fight, she has opposed massive corporate giveaways to out of state companies, fought to make high-quality healthcare available to all Iowans and supported affordable education for all students.

She believes that hard work should be rewarded, and that affordable education and determination should give every family the chance to live their American dream here in Iowa. But too often, those who work hard and do the right things are taken advantage of by wealthy corporations and the politicians who protect them.

If elected to Congress, Abby will take the values she learned from her family and her experiences growing up in a blue-collar community to Washington, DC, where she will be the fighter Iowa’s working families deserve.

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(Representative Abby Finkenauer)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding: 2018-2020: 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

Peace Corps Stamp Act (HR 325)

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

Other

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

- 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A
- 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)

- 113th Congress (2013-2014): N/A

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)  
(Signed into law in 2014)

- 113th Congress (2013-14): N/A

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

- 112th Congress (2011-12): N/A

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Iowa Representative Dave Loebsack
Democrat—2nd District (@daveloebsack)

1211 Longworth House Office Building
202-225-6576

Iowa Current Volunteers: 0 (81 pre-evacuation)
(Iowa Volunteers in 1965: 226)
Volunteers in the 2nd District as of Sep. 2016: 21
Iowa Volunteers Since 1961: 2,506

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2007

District Offices: Davenport, Iowa City

Committee Assignments: Energy and Commerce

Key Staff: Erin Schnell (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2011*, 2016*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2010, 2020
- District Office Meetings: 2019*

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

Dave grew up in Sioux City, where he attended East High School. After graduation, Dave attended Iowa State University, where he earned a Bachelor’s and a Master’s Degree. Dave then went on to earn a PhD from the University of California, Davis. In 1982, Dave moved back to Iowa and became a teacher at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon. Today, Dave has the honor to serve as a Professor Emeritus at Cornell College.
(Representative Dave Loebsack)

On the Issues

**Peace Corps Funding**
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  - 2007: NO  
  - 2008-2020: YES
- 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 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): Did not co-sponsor
- 2013-2016: Did not co-sponsor

**Other**

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

**Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)**

**Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)**
(Signed into law in 2014)
- 111th Congress (2009-10): CO-SPONSOR
- 112th Congress (2011-12): CO-SPONSOR
- 113th Congress (2013-14): 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

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Iowa Representative Cindy Axne
Democrat—3rd District (@RepCindyAxne)

330 Cannon House Office Building
202-225-5476

Iowa Current Volunteers: 0 (81 pre-evacuation)
(Iowa Volunteers in 1965: 226)
Volunteers in the 3rd District as of Sep. 2016: 17
Iowa Volunteers Since 1961: 2,506

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Council Bluffs, Creston, Des Moines

Committee Assignments: Agriculture; Financial Services

Key Staff: Catherine Baker (Foreign Policy Issues)

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2019*, 2020
- District Office Meetings: None

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

A fifth-generation Iowan, Cindy grew up in a tight-knit family on the south side of Des Moines. She was raised to speak her mind and not be afraid to take on tough fights.

Following her graduation from the University of Iowa, Cindy worked in strategic planning and leadership development for the Tribune Company in Chicago and earned an MBA from the Kellogg School at Northwestern University.

From 2005 to 2014, Cindy worked for the State of Iowa, helping over twenty different state agencies deliver government services more effectively and efficiently for taxpayers. Since then, she has focused on growing the digital design firm she runs with her husband John.

Cindy is active in her church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and serves as a mentor with the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center at the University of Iowa. She lives in West Des Moines with John and their teenage sons, Gunnar and Rafe.
(Representative Cindy Axne)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding
- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on Peace Corps Funding:
  2018, 2019: YES  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

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

Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)
(Signed into law in 2018)
- 115th Congress (2017-18): N/A
- 114th Congress (2015-16): N/A

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)
- 113th Congress (2013-2014): N/A

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)
(Signed into law in 2014)
- 113th Congress (2013-14): N/A

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

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Iowa Representative Steve King  
Republican—4th District (@SteveKingIA)  

2210 Rayburn House Office Building  
202-225-4426  

Iowa Current Volunteers: 0 (81 pre-evacuation)  
(Iowa Volunteers in 1965: 226)  
Volunteers in the 4th District as of Sep. 2016: 21  
Iowa Volunteers Since 1961: 2,506  

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2003  

District Offices: Ames, Fort Dodge, Mason City, Sioux City, Spencer  

Committee Assignments: No Committee Assignments granted  

Key Staff: Suanne Edmiston (Foreign Policy Issues)  

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):  
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2019*, 2020*  
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2011, 2015, 2017, 2018  
- District Office Meetings: None  

From the Website ([www.steveking.house.gov](http://www.steveking.house.gov)):  
Steve King grew up in a law enforcement family in Storm Lake, Iowa. He attended Denison Community High School, where he met Marilyn Kelly, whom he married in 1972. They have lived in Kiron for 38 years and are members of St. Martin's Church in Odebolt.  

King studied math and science at Northwest Missouri State University. He started King Construction in 1975 and built the business up from one bulldozer. He brings valuable knowledge to Congress as an agribusinessman and a small business owner for 28 years.  

On the House Floor  
(March 1, 2011 excerpt) “Madam Speaker, the gentleman from Iowa is pleased to be recognized to address you here on the floor of the House, and I want to express my disappointment in the gentlemen who spoke before me. I usually come here to pick up my material for rebuttal. And as I listened to you talk about your affection for the Peace Corps, I didn't come up with a single thing that I seek to rebut here tonight.” (Congressman King spoke immediately after an hour-long tribute to the Peace Corps led by RPCV Congressman John Garamendi)  

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(Representative Steve King)

On the Issues

Peace Corps Funding

- Signed House “Dear Colleague” Letters on 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 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)

- 115th Congress (2017-18): Did not co-sponsor
- 2013-2016: Did not co-sponsor

Other

Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (HR 2259)

(Signed into law in 2018)

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

Peace Corps Equity Act of 2014 (HR 4578)

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

Peace Corps Commemorative Legislation (HR 915)

(Signed into law in 2014)

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

Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011

(Signed into law in 2011)

- 112th Congress (2011-12): Part of unanimous vote that passed the legislation

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