## **United States Senate**



# Senator Richard Blumenthal Connecticut Democrat

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Connecticut 2023 Volunteers Sent: 27

**Connecticut Volunteers Since 1961:** 3,608

Contact Form: https://www.blumenthal.senate.gov/contact/write-to-senator-blumenthal

Began Service in the Senate: 2011

State Offices: Hartford, Bridgeport

### **Committee Assignments:**

- Armed Services
- Homeland Security and Government Affairs
- Judiciary
- Veterans' Affairs

**Key Staff:** Jay Maroney, *Foreign Policy Issues, jay\_maroney@blumenthal.senate.gov* **Key Caucuses:** National Service

### Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2011-2014, 2015\*-2020\*, 2023\*
- District Office Meetings: 2023\* (w Blumenthal)

## **Peace Corps Issues and Senator Blumenthal** Green = Actions in support of Peace Corps | Red = Actions against Peace Corps

Issue/Legislation	Action
Senate Dear Colleague Letter: <b>Peace Corps Funding</b>	<b>Signed on</b> in 2012, 2014, 2016–2023
Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Support robust international affairs funding	Signed on in 2017-2019, 2021, 2022 Did not sign in 2020 (COVID–19 International Response)
118th Congress (2023-2024) Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (S. 1203)	Has not co-sponsored in 2024 Did not co-sponsor in 2022,2023
117th Congress (2021–2022) Health Force, Resilience Force and Jobs to Fight COVID–19 Act (S. 32)	Original co–sponsor
116th Congress (2019–2020) Peace Corps Specific COVID–19 Legislation	S. 3700: Did not co–sponsor S. 3642: Co–sponsor
116th Congress (2019–2020) <b>CORPS Act (S. 3964)</b> <i>Expand COVID–19 National Service Response</i> <i>Positions (Including Priority Preference for Evacuees)</i>	Did not co-sponsor
116th Congress (2019–2020) <b>Peace Corps Mission Accountability Act (S. 2320)</b> <i>Legislation opposed by NPCA</i>	Did not co-sponsor

### **Other Notes:**

## **United States Senate**



### Senator Chris Murphy Connecticut Democrat

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Connecticut 2023 Volunteers Sent: 27

**Connecticut Volunteers Since 1961:** 3.608

Contact Form: https://www.murphy.senate.gov/contact

Began Service in the U.S. Senate: 2013

State Offices: Hartford

#### **Committee Assignments:**

- Appropriations
- Foreign Relations
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Murphy plays an important role in determining how much funding is allocated for federal programs. He <u>also</u> sits on the State/Foreign Operations subcommittee, which determines funding for international affairs programs, including the Peace Corps. Senator Murphy also sits on the Foreign Relations Committee, which has jurisdiction over most Peace Corps legislation.

**Key Staff:** Jessica Elledge, *Foreign Policy Issues*, <u>jessica\_elledge@murphy.senate.gov</u> **Key Caucuses:** 

### Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2008, 2011
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2013\*-2017\*, 2018\*, 2020\*, 2023\*
- District Office Meetings: 2021\* (virtual), 2022\*, 2023\* (with Sen. Murphy)

### **Peace Corps Issues and Senator Murphy**

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Issue/Legislation	Action
Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding	<b>Signed on</b> in 2014, 2016–2023
Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Support robust international affairs funding	Signed on in 2017–2019, 2021, 2022 Signed on in 2020 (COVID–19 International Response)
118th Congress (2023-2024) Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (S. 1203)	Has not co-sponsored in 2024 Did not co-sponsor in 2022,2023
117th Congress (2021–2022) Health Force, Resilience Force and Jobs to Fight COVID–19 Act (S. 32)	Did not co–sponsor in 2021-2022
116th Congress (2019–2020) Peace Corps Specific COVID–19 Legislation	S. 3700: Lead sponsor S. 3642: Did not co-sponsor
116th Congress (2019–2020) <b>CORPS Act (S. 3964)</b> <i>Expand COVID–19 National Service Response</i> <i>Positions (Including Priority Preference for Evacuees)</i>	Did not co-sponsor
116th Congress (2019–2020) <b>Peace Corps Mission Accountability Act (S. 2320)</b> <i>Legislation opposed by NPCA</i>	Did not co-sponsor

**Other Notes:** Senator Murphy was a **co–sponsor** of the Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (2018) and the Peace Corps Equity Act (2014). In December 2021 Senator Murphy **signed** a congressional letter urging the Department of Education to include Peace Corps Volunteers in reforms to improve the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.



### Rep. John Larson Connecticut 1st District Democrat

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Connecticut 2023 Volunteers Sent: 27

**Connecticut Volunteers Since 1961:** 3,608

Contact Form: <u>https://larson.house.gov/contact</u>

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1999

District Offices: East Hartford

**Committee Assignments:** 

• Ways and Means

**Key Staff:** George Wang, *Foreign Policy Issues, <u>george.wang@mail.house.gov</u> Key Caucuses: National Service, Climate Solutions, (House) Hunger* 

### Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2011\*-2014\*, 2016, 2020\*, 2023
- District Office Meetings: None

### Peace Corps Issues and Rep. Larson

**Green** = Actions in support of Peace Corps I **Red** = Actions against Peace Corps

Action
Did not sign in 2005-2009, 2011–2014 Signed on in 2010, 2015-2023
2023: Voted No
Has not co-sponsored in 2024 Did not co-sponsor in 2023 (Voted Yes when House passed similar legislation in 2022)
Has not joined in 2023 2021–2022: Joined 2013-2020: Did not join
Did not co–sponsor in 2021-2022
Did not co–sponsor in 2021-2022
H.R. 6833: Did not co–sponsor H.R. 6560: Did not co–sponsor
Voted No

**Other Notes:**Congressman Larson was a **co-sponsor** of the Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (2018) and Peace Corps Commemorative legislation (2012). He also **signed** a December 2021 congressional letter supporting increased Peace Corps funding for FY 2022.



### Rep. Joe Courtney Connecticut 2nd District Democrat

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Website: <u>https://courtney.house.gov/</u> Bio: <u>https://courtney.house.gov/about/full-biography</u> Twitter/X: <u>@repjoecourtney</u>

Connecticut 2023 Volunteers Sent: 27

**Connecticut Volunteers Since 1961:** 3,608

Contact Form: <a href="https://courtney.house.gov/contact">https://courtney.house.gov/contact</a>

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2007

District Offices: Norwich, Enfield

#### **Committee Assignments:**

- Armed Services
- Education and the Workforce

**Key Staff:** Sean Falvey, *Foreign Policy Issues,* <u>sean.falvey@mail.house.gov</u> **Key Caucuses:** National Service, (House) Hunger

### Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2007, 2009, 2011\*, 2013\*, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2019\*, 2020\*
- District Office Meetings: 2013\* (Member meeting), 2021\* (virtual), 2022

In December, 2013, Congressman Courtney attended the holiday gathering of the Connecticut RPCVs

## Peace Corps Issues and Rep. Courtney Green = Actions in support of Peace Corps | Red = Actions against Peace Corps

Issue/Legislation	Action
House Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding	Did not sign in 2007–2009 Signed on in 2010–2023
118th Congress (2023–2024) <b>Ogles Amendment</b> A vote was taken on a proposal to further reduce FY 2024 Peace Corps funding by an additional \$14 million. <b>NPCA opposed this amendment</b> , which was defeated 295 to 135.	2023: Voted No
118th Congress (2023–2024) Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (H.R.1273)	Has not co-sponsored in 2024 Did not co-sponsor in 2023 (Voted Yes when House passed similar legislation in 2022)
118th Congress (2023–2024) Other Peace Corps Legislation	
House Peace Corps Caucus	Has not joined in 2023 2013–2022: Did not join
117th Congress (2021–2022) Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 1467)	Did not co–sponsor in 2021-2022
117th Congress (2021–2022) Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (H.R. 4188)	Did not co–sponsor in 2021-2022
116th Congress (2019–2020) Peace Corps Specific COVID–19 Legislation (H.R. 6833 and H.R. 6560)	H.R. 6833: Did not co–sponsor H.R. 6560: Did not co–sponsor
116 <sup>th</sup> Congress (2019–2020) <b>Walker Amendment:</b> 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:** Congressman Courtney was a **co–sponsor** of the Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (2018) and Peace Corps Commemorative legislation (2009–2012).



### Rep. Rosa DeLauro Connecticut 3rd District Democrat

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Connecticut 2023 Volunteers Sent: 27

Connecticut VolunteerSince 1961: 3,608

Contact Form: https://delauro.house.gov/contact/email

#### Began Service in the House of Representatives: 1991

District Offices: New Haven

#### **Committee Assignments:**

• Appropriations

As the Ranking Democrat on the Appropriations Committee, Representative DeLauro plays a lead role in determining how much funding is allocated for various federal programs.

**Key Staff:** Harper White, *Foreign Policy Issues, <u>harper.white@mail.house.gov</u> Key Caucuses: National Service* 

#### Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015\*-2018\*, 2019, 2020\*, 2023\*
- District Office Meetings: None

### Peace Corps Issues and Rep. DeLauro

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Issue/Legislation	Action
House Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding	Did not sign in 2006, 2021-2023 Signed on in 2005, 2007–2020
118th Congress (2023–2024) <b>Ogles Amendment</b> A vote was taken on a proposal to further reduce FY 2024 Peace Corps funding by an additional \$14 million. <b>NPCA opposed this amendment</b> , which was defeated 295 to 135.	2023: Voted No
118th Congress (2023–2024) Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (H.R.1273)	Has not co-sponsored in 2024 Did not co-sponsor in 2023 (Voted Yes when House passed similar legislation in 2022)
118th Congress (2023–2024) Other Peace Corps Legislation	
House Peace Corps Caucus	Has not joined in 2023 2019–2022: Did not join 2013-2018: Joined
117th Congress (2021–2022) Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 1467)	Did not co-sponsor in 2021-2022
117th Congress (2021–2022) Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (H.R. 4188)	Did not co–sponsor in 2021-2022
116th Congress (2019–2020) Peace Corps Specific COVID–19 Legislation (H.R. 6833 and H.R. 6560)	H.R. 6833: Did not co–sponsor H.R. 6560: Did not co–sponsor
116 <sup>th</sup> Congress (2019–2020) <b>Walker Amendment:</b> 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	Did Not Vote

**Other Notes:** Congresswoman DeLauro **co–sponsored** the Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act in 2015–2018. She **co-sponsored** the Peace Corps Equity Act in 2014 and **co-sponsored** Peace Corps Commemorative legislation in 2012.



### Rep. James Himes Connecticut 4th District Democrat

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Connecticut 2023 Volunteers Sent: 27

**Connecticut Volunteers Since 1961:** 

3,608 **Contact Form:** <u>https://himes.house.gov/email-me-about-legislation</u>

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2009

District Offices: Bridgeport, Stamford

#### **Committee Assignments:**

- Financial Services
- Intelligence

**Key Staff:** Jessie Kaplan, *Foreign Policy Issues, jessie.kaplan@mail.house.gov* **Key Caucuses:** Climate Solutions

### Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2009, 2012-2016, 2020
- District Office Meetings: None

### **Peace Corps Issues and Rep. Himes**

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Issue/Legislation	Action
House Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding	Did not sign in 2009, 2011-2014 Signed on in 2010, 2015-2023
118th Congress (2023–2024) <b>Ogles Amendment</b> A vote was taken on a proposal to further reduce FY 2024 Peace Corps funding by an additional \$14 million. <b>NPCA opposed this amendment</b> , which was defeated 295 to 135.	2023: Voted No
118th Congress (2023–2024) Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (H.R.1273)	2023/2024: <b>Co-Sponsor</b> ( <b>Voted Yes</b> when House passed similar legislation in 2022)
118th Congress (2023–2024) Other Peace Corps Legislation	
House Peace Corps Caucus	Has not joined in 2023 2013-2022: Did not join
117th Congress (2021–2022) Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 1467)	Did not co-sponsor in 2021-2022
117th Congress (2021–2022) Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (H.R. 4188)	Co-sponsored 2021-2022 2019–2020: Co-sponsored 2013–2018: Did not co-sponsor
116th Congress (2019–2020) Peace Corps Specific COVID–19 Legislation (H.R. 6833 and H.R. 6560)	H.R. 6833: Did not co–sponsor H.R. 6560: Did not co–sponsor
116 <sup>th</sup> Congress (2019–2020) <b>Walker Amendment:</b> 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:** Congressman Himes was a **co–sponsor** of the Sam Farr/Nick Castle Peace Corps Enhancement Act (2016), the Peace Corps Equity Act (2014) and Peace Corps Commemorative legislation (2009–2014).



### Rep. Jahana Hayes Connecticut 5th District Democrat

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Connecticut 2023 Volunteers Sent: 27

**Connecticut Volunteers Since 1961:** 3,608

Contact Form: <u>https://hayes.house.gov/email-me</u>

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Waterbury

#### **Committee Assignments:**

- Agriculture
- Education and the Workforce

**Key Staff:** Bryana Spann, *Foreign Policy Issues, <u>bryana.spann@mail.house.gov</u> Key Caucuses:* 

#### Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: None
- District Office Meetings: None

## Peace Corps Issues and Rep. Hayes Green = Actions in support of Peace Corps | Red = Actions against Peace Corps

Issue/Legislation	Action
House Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding	Signed on in 2019–2023
118th Congress (2023–2024) <b>Ogles Amendment</b> A vote was taken on a proposal to further reduce FY 2024 Peace Corps funding by an additional \$14 million. <b>NPCA opposed this amendment</b> , which was defeated 295 to 135.	2023: Voted No
118th Congress (2023–2024) Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (H.R.1273)	Has not co-sponsored in 2024 Did not co-sponsor in 2023 (Voted Yes when House passed similar legislation in 2022)
118th Congress (2023–2024) Other Peace Corps Legislation	
House Peace Corps Caucus	Has not joined in 2023 2019–2022: Did not join
117th Congress (2021–2022) Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 1467)	Did not co-sponsor in 2021-2022
117th Congress (2021–2022) Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (H.R. 4188)	Did not co-sponsor in 2021-2022
116th Congress (2019–2020) Peace Corps Specific COVID–19 Legislation (H.R. 6833 and H.R. 6560)	H.R. 6833: Did not co–sponsor H.R. 6560: Did not co–sponsor
116 <sup>th</sup> Congress (2019–2020) <b>Walker Amendment:</b> 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:**