United States Senate

Senator Tom Carper
Delaware Democrat

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Delaware Volunteers Since 1961: 554

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Began Service in the Senate: 2001

State Offices: Wilmington, Dover, Georgetown

Committee Assignments:
- Environment and Public Works (Chair)
- Finance
- Homeland Security and Government Affairs

Key Staff: Laura Pastre, Foreign Policy Issues, laura_pastre@carper.senate.gov

Key Caucuses:

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2019*
- District Office Meetings: 2021*

*Denotes Constituent Meeting
## Peace Corps Issues and Senator Carper

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**Signed letter** 2012, 2017–2023                                             |
| 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                                              |
S. 3642: **Did not** co–sponsor                                                     |
| 116th Congress (2019–2020) Peace Corps Mission Accountability Act (S. 2320)     | **Did not** co–sponsor                                                 |

**Notes**
United States Senate

Senator Chris Coons
Delaware Democrat

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Delaware Volunteers Since 1961: 554

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Began Service in the U. S. Senate: 2010

State Offices: Wilmington, Dover

Committee Assignments:
- Appropriations
- Foreign Relations
- Judiciary
- Small Business
- Ethics (chair)

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

Key Staff: Elizabeth O’Bagy, Foreign Policy Issues, bagy@coons.senate.gov
Key Caucuses: National Service, Climate Solutions

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

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Other Notes
Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester
Delaware At Large Democrat

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Delaware Volunteers Since 1961: 554

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Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2017

District Offices: Wilmington, Georgetown

Committee Assignments:
- Energy and Commerce

Key Staff: Kevin Diamond, Foreign Policy Issues, kevin.diamond@mail.house.gov

Key Caucuses: Progressive

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2017, 2018, 2019*, 2020*, 2023*
- District Office Meetings: 2020*–2021* (virtual)

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| House Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding                                  | Did not sign in 2017, 2022  
|                                                                                 | Signed on in 2018–2021, 2023                                                           |
| 118th Congress (2023–2024) **Ogles Amendment**  
A vote was taken on a proposal to further reduce FY 2024 Peace Corps funding by an additional $14 million.  
NPCA opposed this amendment, 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 legislation in 2022)                                        |
| 118th Congress (2023–2024) Other Peace Corps Legislation                          |                                                                                         |
| House Peace Corps Caucus                                                          | Has not joined in 2023  
|                                                                                 | 2017–2022: Did not join                                                                 |
| 117th Congress (2021–2022) **Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 6118)** | Did not co–sponsor in 2021-2022                                                          |
|                                                                                 | 2017–2018: Co–sponsored                                                                |
|                                                                                 | H.R. 6560: Did not 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:** Representative Blunt Rochester signed a December 2021 congressional letter supporting increased Peace Corps funding for FY 2022.