United States Senate

Senator Mazie Hirono
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Hawai'i 2023 Volunteers Sent: 11
Hawai'i Volunteers Since 1961: 1,489

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Began Service in the Senate: 2013
State Offices: Honolulu

Committee Assignments:
- Armed Services
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Judiciary
- Small Business
- Veterans Affairs

Key Staff: Rebecca Gansca, Foreign Policy Issues, rebecca_gansca@hirono.senate.gov

Key Caucuses:

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2016*
- District Office Meetings: 2020* (virtual)

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### Peace Corps Issues and Senator Hirono

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**Red** = Actions against Peace Corps

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| Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Support robust international affairs funding | Did not sign in 2017, 2018  
Signed on in 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 |
S. 3642: Did not co–sponsor |

**Other Notes:** Senator Hirono co–sponsored the Peace Corps Equity Act (2014).
United States Senate

Senator Brian Schatz
Hawaii Democrat

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Began Service in the U. S. Senate: 2012

State Offices: Honolulu

Committee Assignments:
- Appropriations
- Commerce, Science and Transportation
- Foreign Relations
- Indian Affairs (Chair)
- Ethics

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Schatz plays an important role in determining how much funding is allocated for various federal programs. He does not sit on the State/Foreign Operations subcommittee, which determines funding levels for international affairs programs, including Peace Corps. Senator Schatz also sits on the Foreign Relations Committee which is responsible for most Peace Corps legislation.

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Key Caucuses:

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2016*, 2023*
- District Office Meetings: None

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### Peace Corps Issues and Senator Schatz

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| 118th Congress (2023-2024) *Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (S.1203)* | Co-sponsor in 2024  
Co-sponsor in 2023  
Co-sponsor in 2022 |
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 Schatz **co–sponsored** the Peace Corps Equity Act (2014). In December 2021 he **signed** a congressional letter urging the Department of Education to include Peace Corps Volunteers in reforms to improve the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.
As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Representative Case plays an important role in determining how much funding is allocated for various federal programs. He does not sit on the State/Foreign Operations subcommittee, which determines funding levels for international affairs programs, including Peace Corps.

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Key Caucuses: Problem Solvers

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:
- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2019, 2021, 2023
- District Office Meetings: 2021 (with Rep Case)*, 2023*

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<td>2023: <strong>Voted No</strong></td>
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| 116th Congress (2019–2020) **Peace Corps Specific COVID–19 Legislation** (H.R. 6833 and H.R. 6560) | **H.R. 6833:** **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:** In May, 2021, Representative Case introduced the Blue Pacific Act (H.R. 2967), which includes provisions to increase Peace Corps’ presence in the Pacific region.
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Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2023

District Offices: Hilo

Committee Assignments:
● Agriculture
● Armed Services

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Key Caucuses: Progressive

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:
● DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2023*
● DC Meetings With Staff: None
● District Office Meetings: None

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