

United States Senate



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Vermont 2023 Volunteers Sent:

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Vermont Volunteers Since 1961: 1,635

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Contact Form:Began Service in the U. S. Senate: 2007

State Offices: Burlington, St. Johnsbury

Committee Assignments:

- Budget (Chair)
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Environment and Public Works
- Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
- Veterans' Affairs

Key Staff: Maxwell Hoffman, *Foreign Policy Issues*,

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Key Caucuses: National Service, Progressive

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2009, 2011*, 2013*, 2014*, 2016*, 2017*, 2019*, 2020
- District Office Meetings: None

**Denotes Constituent Meeting*

Peace Corps Issues and Senator Sanders

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Issue/Legislation	Action
Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding	Did not sign in 2010 Signed on in 2007 – 2009, 2012 – 2023
Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Support robust international affairs funding	Did not sign in 2022 Signed on in 2017 – 2019, 2021 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)	Did not co–sponsor in 2021, 2022
116th Congress (2019–2020) Peace Corps Specific COVID–19 Legislation	S. 3700: Did not co–sponsor S. 3642: Did not co–sponsor
116th Congress (2019–2020) CORPS Act (S. 3964) <i>Expand COVID–19 National Service Response Positions (Including Priority Preference for Evacuees)</i>	Did not co–sponsor
116th Congress (2019–2020) Peace Corps Mission Accountability Act (S. 2320) <i>Legislation opposed by NPCA</i>	Did not co–sponsor

Other Notes: Senator Sanders was a **co–sponsor** of the Peace Corps Equity Act (2014) and the Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act (2010).

United States Senate



Senator Peter Welch Vermont Democrat

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Vermont 2023 Volunteers Sent:

Vermont Volunteers Since 1961: 1,635

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Began Service in the Senate: 2023 (New member of the Senate; Served in the House of Representatives since 2007)

State Offices:

Committee Assignments:

- Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
- Rules and Administration
- Judiciary

Key Staff: Susannah Savage, *Foreign Policy Issues*,
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Key Caucuses:

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (while in House of Representatives):

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2011*, 2023*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2013*, 2014*, 2016, 2017*, 2018, 2019*, 2020*
- District Office Meetings: None

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

Other Notes:

As a member of the House of Representatives, Senator Welch was a consistent supporter of the Peace Corps. He **signed** Peace Corps funding Dear Colleague letters every year from 2010 through 2022. He **co-sponsored** various Peace Corps legislation, including the Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (2021), the Peace Corp Peace Corps Equity Act (2014), Peace Corps Commemorative legislation (2011–2014), the Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act (2011) and Peace Corps funding legislation (2009).

House of Representatives



Rep. Becca Balint
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Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2023

District Offices: Burlington

Committee Assignments:

- Oversight and Accountability

Key Staff: Megan Garcia, *Foreign Policy Issues*, megan.garcia@mail.house.gov

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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Peace Corps Issues and Rep. Balint

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House Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding	Did not sign in 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	Co-sponsored in 2023,2024
118th Congress (2023–2024) Other Peace Corps Legislation	
House Peace Corps Caucus	Has not joined in 2023
117th Congress (2021–2022) Menstrual Equity in the Peace Corps Act (H.R. 1467)	N/A
117th Congress (2021–2022) Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (H.R. 4188)	N/A
116th Congress (2019–2020) Peace Corps Specific COVID–19 Legislation (H.R. 6833 and H.R. 6560)	N/A
116 th 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	N/A

Other Notes: