

United States Senate



Senator Ron Wyden Oregon Democrat

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Oregon 2025 Volunteers Sent: 91

Oregon Volunteers Since 1961: 6,642

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Began Service in the Senate: 1980

State Offices: Portland, Salem, Eugene, Bend, La Grande, Medford

Committee Assignments:

- Budget
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Finance (Ranking Member)
- Intelligence

Key Staff: Lavanya Mohan, *Foreign Policy Issues*, lavanya_mohan@wyden.senate.gov

Key Caucuses: (Senate) Hunger

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2011*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2006, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2016* (2), 2018, 2020*, 2025*
- District Office Meetings: None

**Denotes Constituent Meeting*

Peace Corps Issues and Senator Wyden

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

Issue/Legislation	Action
Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding	Did not sign in 2006-2009 Signed on in 2010-2026
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)	Did not co-sponsor 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 Wyden was a **co-sponsor** of Peace Corps Commemorative legislation (2012) and the Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act (2011)

United States Senate



Senator Jeff Merkley Oregon Democrat

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Oregon 2025 Volunteers Sent: 91

Oregon Volunteers Since 1961: 6,642

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Began Service in the U. S. Senate: 2009

State Offices: Portland, Bend, Eugene, Medford, Baker City, Salem

Committee Assignments:

- Appropriations
- Budget
- Environment and Public Works
- Foreign Relations
- Rules

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

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Key Caucuses: National Service

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2011*, 2012*, 2016*, 2018*, 2025
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2009, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020*, 2021
- District Office Meetings: 2020* (virtual)

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Peace Corps Issues and Senator Merkley

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

Issue/Legislation	Action
Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding	Did not sign in 2009, 2014 Signed on in 2010, 2012, 2016-2026
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)	Co-sponsored in 2023-2024 Did not co-sponsor in 2022
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 Merkley was a **co-sponsor** of the Peace Corps Equity Act (2014), Peace Corps Commemorative legislation (2012) and the Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act (2011)

House of Representatives



Rep. Suzanne Bonamici Oregon 1st District **Democrat**

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Oregon 2025 Volunteers Sent: 91

Oregon Volunteers Since 1961: 6,642

Contact Form: <https://bonamici.house.gov/contact>

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2012

District Offices: Beaverton

Committee Assignments:

- Education and the Workforce
- Science, Space and Technology

Key Staff: Josh Izaak, *Foreign Policy Issues*, josh.izaak@mail.house.gov

Key Caucuses: Progressive, Climate Solutions, (House) Hunger, Tom Lantos Human Rights

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2012
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2016, 2018
- District Office Meetings: None

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Peace Corps Issues and Rep. Bonamici

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 2012-2026
119th Congress (2025-2026) Peace Corps Volunteers Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2025 (H.R. 5521)	Has not co-sponsored
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.	Voted No in 2023
118th Congress (2023-2024) Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (H.R.1273)	Did not co-sponsor in 2024 Did not co-sponsor in 2023 (Voted Yes when House passed similar legislation in 2022)
118th Congress (2023-2024) Peace Corps/AmeriCorps Student Loan Forgiveness Act (H.R. 7457)	Did not co-sponsor in 2024
House Peace Corps Caucus	Has not joined in 2026 Did not join in 2013-2025
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
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	Voted No

Other Notes: Representative Bonamici was a **co-sponsor** of the Peace Corps Equity Act (2014)

House of Representatives



Rep. Cliff Bentz
Oregon 2nd District Republican

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Oregon 2025 Volunteers Sent: 91

Oregon Volunteers Since 1961: 6,642

Contact Form: <https://bentz.house.gov/contact>

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2021

District Offices: Medford, Ontario

Committee Assignments:

- Energy and Commerce
- Natural Resources

Key Staff: Rocco Barbieri, *Foreign Policy Issues*, rocco.barbieri@mail.house.gov

Key Caucuses: Republican Main Street, Republican Study

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: None
- District Office Meetings: 2021* (virtual)

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Peace Corps Issues and Rep. Bentz

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Issue/Legislation	Action
House Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding	Did not sign in 2021-2026
119th Congress (2025-2026) Peace Corps Volunteers Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2025 (H.R. 5521)	Has not co-sponsored
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.	Voted Yes in 2023
118th Congress (2023-2024) Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (H.R.1273)	Did not co-sponsor in 2024 Did not co-sponsor in 2023 (Voted No when House passed similar legislation in 2022)
118th Congress (2023-2024) Peace Corps/AmeriCorps Student Loan Forgiveness Act (H.R. 7457)	Did not co-sponsor in 2024
House Peace Corps Caucus	Has not joined in 2025 Did not join in 2021-2024
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

Other Notes

House of Representatives



Rep. Maxine Dexter
Oregon 3rd District Democrat

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Oregon 2025 Volunteers Sent: 91

Oregon Volunteers Since 1961: 6,642

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Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2025 (New Member of Congress)

District Offices: Portland

Committee Assignments:

- Natural Resources
- Veterans' Affairs

Key Staff: Emily Hentschke, *Foreign Policy Issues*, emily.hentschke@mail.house.gov

Key Caucuses:

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2025*
- DC Meetings With Staff: None
- District Office Meetings: None

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Peace Corps Issues and Rep. Dexter

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

Issue/Legislation	Action
House Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding	Did sign in 2025, 2026
119th Congress (2025-2026) Peace Corps Volunteers Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2025 (H.R. 5521)	Has not co-sponsored
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.	N/A
118th Congress (2023-2024) Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (H.R.1273)	N/A
118th Congress (2023-2024) Peace Corps/AmeriCorps Student Loan Forgiveness Act (H.R. 7457)	N/A
House Peace Corps Caucus	Has not joined in 2026 Did not join in 2025
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
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: Representative Dexter stopped by an NPCA Capitol Hill Day reception in July, 2025, and expressed her support for the Peace Corps.

House of Representatives



Rep. Val Hoyle Oregon 4th District **Democrat**

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Oregon 2025 Volunteers Sent: 91

Oregon Volunteers Since 1961: 6,642

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Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2023

District Offices: Eugene

Committee Assignments:

- Natural Resources
- Transportation and Infrastructure

Key Staff: Sean Higgins, *Foreign Policy Issues*, sean.higgins@mail.house.gov

Key Caucuses: Progressive Caucus

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

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

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Peace Corps Issues and Rep. Hoyle

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Issue/Legislation	Action
House Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding	Signed on in 2023-2026
119th Congress (2025-2026) Peace Corps Volunteers Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2025 (H.R. 5521)	Has not co-sponsored
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.	Voted No in 2023
118th Congress (2023-2024) Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (H.R.1273)	Did not co-sponsor in 2024 Did not co-sponsor in 2023
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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
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:

House of Representatives



Rep. Janelle Bynum
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Oregon 2025 Volunteers Sent: 91

Oregon Volunteers Since 1961: 6,642

Contact Form: <https://bynum.house.gov/contact>

Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2025 (New Member of Congress)

District Offices: Oregon City

Committee Assignments:

- Financial Services

Key Staff: Lucas Lam, *Foreign Policy Issues*, lucas@mail.house.gov

Key Caucuses: Problem Solvers, Republican Main Street

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):

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

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Peace Corps Issues and Rep. Bynum

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Issue/Legislation	Action
House Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding	Did not sign in 2025, 2026
119th Congress (2025-2026) Peace Corps Volunteers Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2025 (H.R. 5521)	Has not co-sponsored
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.	N/A
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Other Notes

House of Representatives



Rep. Andrea Salinas
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Oregon 2025 Volunteers Sent: 91

Oregon Volunteers Since 1961: 6,642

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Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2023

District Offices: Salem, Tualatin

Committee Assignments:

- Agriculture
- Science, Space, and Technology

Key Staff: Molly McTaggart, *Foreign Policy Issues*, molly.mctaggart@mail.house.gov

Key Caucuses: Progressive

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community (* Denotes Constituent Meeting):

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2023
- District Office Meetings: None

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Peace Corps Issues and Rep. Salinas

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House Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding	Signed on in 2023 Did not sign in 2024-2026
119th Congress (2025-2026) Peace Corps Volunteers Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2025 (H.R. 5521)	Has not co-sponsored
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