

United States Senate



Senator John Thune South Dakota **Republican**

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South Dakota 2025 Volunteers Sent: 3

**South Dakota Volunteers Since 1961:
624**

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Began Service in the Senate: 2005

State Offices: Aberdeen, Rapid City, Sioux Falls

Committee Assignments:

- Agriculture
- Commerce, Science and Transportation
- Finance

(Senator Thune serves as Senate Majority Leader)

Key Staff: Nicole Herman, *Foreign Policy Issues*, nicole_herman@thune.senate.gov

Key Caucuses:

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: None
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2011*, 2015, 2016*, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020*, 2023*, 2024
- District Office Meetings: None

**Denotes Constituent Meeting*

Peace Corps Issues and Senator Thune

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 2006-10, 2012, 2014, 2016-2026
Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Support robust international affairs funding	Did not sign in 2017-2019, 2021-2022 Did not sign 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

United States Senate



Senator Mike Rounds South Dakota **Republican**

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**South Dakota Volunteers Since 1961:
624**

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Began Service in the U. S. Senate: 2015

State Offices: Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Aberdeen

Committee Assignments:

- Appropriations
- Armed Services
- Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
- Intelligence
- Indian Affairs

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator Rounds plays an important role in determining how much funding is allocated for various federal programs. He is not a member of the State/Foreign Operations subcommittee, which has direct jurisdiction over Peace Corps funding

Key Staff: Dan Adelstein, *Foreign Policy Issues*, dan_adelstein@rounds.senate.gov

Key Caucuses:

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

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

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Peace Corps Issues and Senator Rounds

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Issue/Legislation	Action
Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding	Did not sign in 2015-2026
Senate Dear Colleague Letter: Support robust international affairs funding	Did not sign in 2021-2022 Signed on in 2017-2019 Did not sign in 2020 (COVID-19 International Response), 2021
118th Congress (2023-2024) Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (S.1203)	Co-sponsored in 2024 Co-sponsored in 2023 Co-sponsored 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
117th Congress (2021–2022) Peace Corps Reauthorization Act (S. 4466)	Did not co-sponsor in 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

House of Representatives



Rep. Dusty Johnson South Dakota At Large **Republican**

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Began Service in the House of Representatives: 2019

District Offices: Aberdeen, Rapid City, Sioux Falls

Committee Assignments:

- Agriculture
- Transportation and Infrastructure

Key Staff: Elizabeth Lloyd, *Foreign Policy Issues*, elizabeth.lloyd@mail.house.gov

Key Caucuses: Republican Main Street, Problem Solvers, Republican Study

Meeting History with the Peace Corps Community:

- DC Meetings With Lawmaker: 2023*
- DC Meetings With Staff: 2019, 2020*
- District Office Meetings: None

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Peace Corps Issues and Rep. Johnson

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Issue/Legislation	Action
House Dear Colleague Letter: Peace Corps Funding	Did not sign in 2019-2026
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	Did not co-sponsor in 2024 Did not co-sponsor in 2023 (Voted Yes when House passed legislation in 2022)
118th Congress (2023-2024) Peace Corps/AmeriCorps Student Loan Forgiveness Act (H.R. 7457)	Did not co-sponsored 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. 6118)	Did not co-sponsor in 2021-2022
117th Congress (2021-2022) Respect for Peace Corps Volunteers Act (H.R. 1411)	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 Yes

Other Notes