

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Chairman Patrick Leahy
Subcommittee on State
And Foreign Operations
437 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 201510

Ranking Member Lindsey Graham
Subcommittee on State
And Foreign Operations
290 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 201510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Graham,

We respectfully request that you provide strong funding for the Peace Corps in the Fiscal Year 2015 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations bill.

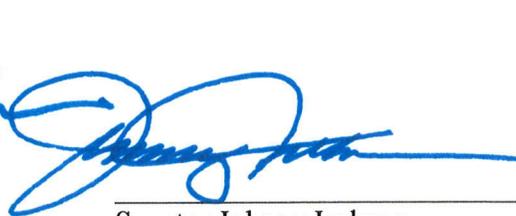
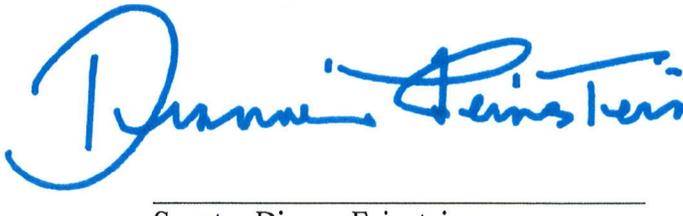
In an increasingly interconnected world, the Peace Corps remains as relevant today as it was at its founding in 1961. Through war and conflict, Peace Corps Volunteers have shown the international community a hopeful, uplifting side of America that reflects our fundamental values of peace, prosperity, and progress.

For 53 years, Peace Corps volunteers have been the face of American development assistance. Now, more than ever, it is critical to support this low-cost, high-return investment in peace.

Because of our continued commitment over the years, the Peace Corps remains in high demand, with some 20 countries requesting new Peace Corps programs and still others requesting an increase in volunteers for current programs.

We ask that you make a strong investment this year in the Peace Corps, allowing it to continue sending thousands of Americans abroad to serve our country, help others, and make America stronger through grassroots diplomacy.

Sincerely,

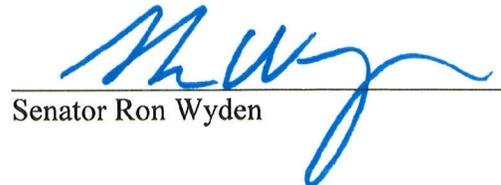


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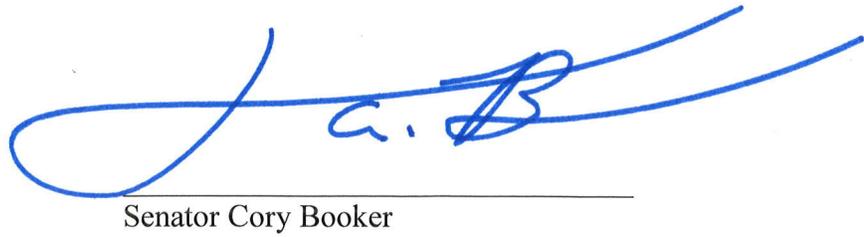
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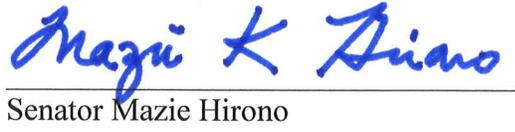
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