



February 10, 2021

Chairman, Rep. Gregory Meeks, and  
Ranking Member, Rep. Michael McCaul  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
2170 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515

Chairman, Rep. Bobby Scott, and  
Ranking Member, Rep. Virginia Foxx  
House Committee on Education and Labor  
2176 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515

Dear Members of Congress,

The National Whistleblower Center is proud to support the Peace Corps Reauthorization Act.

This legislation will amend the Peace Corps Act to reauthorize the Peace Corps and better support current and returned volunteers. The Act has been reintroduced in the House on a bipartisan basis, and it has been referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and House Committee on Education and Labor.

At present, there are no effective whistleblower protections for Peace Corps volunteers or employees. The Peace Corps Reauthorization Act will create explicit anti-retaliation and anti-discrimination protections for Peace Corps employees, volunteers, and other parties that receive Peace Corps funds who come forward to report waste, fraud, abuse of authority, and other violations of law. The Act will also allow Peace Corps volunteers and employees to testify before Congress.

The anti-retaliatory and anti-discrimination features of this legislation will serve as a valuable tool to protect Peace Corps volunteers and employees who come forward to report wrongdoing, and they align with best practices of whistleblower protection law. These needed whistleblower protections will be implemented by the Peace Corps Office of the Inspector General.

We applaud Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA) for his leadership in introducing the Peace Corps Authorization Act, an important new step in protecting Peace Corps volunteers and employees.

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The National Whistleblower Center urges the leadership of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and Committee on Education and Labor to take concrete steps in support of the Peace Corps Authorization Act.

Sincerely,

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John Kostyack  
*Executive Director*  
National Whistleblower Center

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Stephen M. Kohn  
*Chairman of the Board*  
National Whistleblower Center