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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. DODD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To amend the Peace Corps Act to promote global acceptance of the principles of international peace and nonviolent coexistence among peoples of diverse cultures and systems of government, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Peace Corps Charter  
5 for the 21st Century Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1           (1) The Peace Corps was established in 1961 to  
2 promote world peace and friendship through the  
3 service of American volunteers abroad.

4           (2) The Peace Corps has operated in 135 coun-  
5 tries with 165,000 Peace Corps volunteers since its  
6 establishment.

7           (3) The Peace Corps has sought to fulfill three  
8 goals, as follows: to help people in developing nations  
9 meet basic needs, to promote understanding of  
10 America's values and ideals abroad, and to promote  
11 an understanding of other peoples by Americans.

12           (4) After more than 40 years of operation, the  
13 Peace Corps remains the world's premier inter-  
14 national service organization dedicated to promoting  
15 grassroots development.

16           (5) The Peace Corps remains committed to  
17 sending well trained and well supported Peace Corps  
18 volunteers overseas to promote world peace, friend-  
19 ship, and grassroots development.

20           (6) The Peace Corps is an independent agency,  
21 and therefore no Peace Corps personnel or volun-  
22 teers should have any relationship with any United  
23 States intelligence agency or be used to accomplish  
24 any other goal than the goals established by the  
25 Peace Corps Act.

1           (7) The Crisis Corps has been an effective tool  
2           in harnessing the skills and talents for returned  
3           Peace Corps volunteers and should be expanded to  
4           utilize to the maximum extent the pool of talent  
5           from the returned Peace Corps volunteer commu-  
6           nity.

7           (8) The Peace Corps is currently operating with  
8           an annual budget of \$275,000,000 in 70 countries  
9           with 7,000 Peace Corps volunteers.

10          (9) There is deep misunderstanding and misin-  
11          formation about Western values and ideals in many  
12          parts of the world, particularly those with substan-  
13          tial Muslim populations, and a greater Peace Corps  
14          presence in such places could foster greater under-  
15          standing and tolerance of those countries.

16          (10) Congress has declared that the Peace  
17          Corps should be expanded to sponsor a minimum of  
18          10,000 Peace Corps volunteers.

19          (11) President George W. Bush has called for  
20          the doubling of the number of Peace Corps volun-  
21          teers in service in a fiscal year to 15,000 volunteers  
22          in service by fiscal year 2007 **【2009?】**.

23          (12) Any expansion of the Peace Corps shall  
24          not jeopardize the quality of the Peace Corps volun-  
25          teer experience, and therefore can only be accom-

1 plished by an appropriate increase in field and head-  
2 quarters support staff.

3 (13) The Peace Corps should establish an office  
4 of strategic planning to evaluate existing programs  
5 and undertake long-term planning in order to facili-  
6 tate the orderly expansion of the Peace Corps from  
7 its current size to the stated objective of 15,000 vol-  
8 unteers in the field by **【fiscal year?】** 2009.

9 (14) The Peace Corps would benefit from the  
10 advice and council of a streamlined bipartisan Na-  
11 tional Peace Corps Advisory Council composed of  
12 distinguished returned Peace Corps volunteers.

13 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

14 In this Act:

15 (1) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-**  
16 **TEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
17 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Relations  
18 of the Senate and the Committee on International  
19 Relations of the House of Representatives.

20 (2) **DIRECTOR.**—The term “Director” means  
21 the Director of the Peace Corps.

22 (3) **PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER.**—The term  
23 “Peace Corps volunteer” means a volunteer or a vol-  
24 unteer leader under the Peace Corps Act.



1 lished by Executive Order No. 13254 of January 29,  
2 2002).”.

3 **SEC. 6. REPORT CONCERNING NEW INITIATIVES.**

4 Section 3(a) of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C.  
5 2502(a)) is amended by inserting before the period the  
6 following: “, except that, 30 days prior to implementing  
7 any new initiative, the President shall consult with the  
8 Peace Corps National Advisory Council established in sec-  
9 tion 12 and shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Re-  
10 lations of the Senate and the Committee on International  
11 Relations of the House of Representatives a report de-  
12 scribing the objectives that such initiative is intended to  
13 fulfill, an estimate of any costs that may be incurred as  
14 a result of the initiative, and **[an estimate of]** any impact  
15 on existing programs, including the impact on the safety  
16 of volunteers under this Act”. **[Alternatively, the reporting**  
17 *requirement in this section can be set forth in section 11,*  
18 *relating to reports, rather than in section 3(a).]*

19 **SEC. 7. COUNTRY SECURITY REPORTS.**

20 Section 11 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2504)  
21 is amended—

22 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “The President”;

23 and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following:

1           “(b) The Inspector General of the Peace Corps shall  
2 submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-  
3 ate and the Committee on International Relations of the  
4 House of Representatives a report annually on the status  
5 of security in any country in which the Peace Corps oper-  
6 ates programs or is considering doing so. Each report shall  
7 include recommendations as to whether security conditions  
8 would be enhanced by colocating volunteers with inter-  
9 national or local nongovernmental organizations, or with  
10 the placement of multiple volunteers in one location.”.

11 **SEC. 8. SPECIAL VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT AND PLACE-**  
12 **MENT FOR COUNTRIES WHOSE GOVERN-**  
13 **MENTS ARE SEEKING TO FOSTER GREATER**  
14 **UNDERSTANDING OF WESTERN VALUES AND**  
15 **GOALS.**

16           (a) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date  
17 of enactment of this Act, the Director shall submit a re-  
18 port to the appropriate congressional committees describ-  
19 ing the initiatives that the Peace Corps intends to pursue  
20 in order to solicit requests from eligible countries where  
21 the presence of Peace Corps volunteers would facilitate a  
22 greater understanding of Western values and goals and  
23 dispel unfounded fears and suspicion among peoples of di-  
24 verse cultures and systems of government, including peo-

1 ples from countries with substantial Muslim populations.

2 Such report shall include—

3 (1) a description of the recruitment strategies  
4 to be employed by the Peace Corps to recruit and  
5 train volunteers with the appropriate language skills  
6 and interest in serving in such countries; and

7 (2) a list of the countries that the Director has  
8 determined should be priorities for special recruit-  
9 ment and placement of Peace Corps volunteers.

10 (b) USE OF RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUN-  
11 TEERS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
12 Director may utilize the services of returned Peace Corps  
13 volunteers having language and cultural expertise, includ-  
14 ing those returned Peace Corps volunteers who may have  
15 served previously in countries with substantial Muslim  
16 populations, in order to open or reopen Peace Corps pro-  
17 grams in such countries.

18 (c) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—In addition to amounts  
19 authorized to be appropriated to the Peace Corps by sec-  
20 tion 12 for the fiscal years 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006,  
21 there is authorized to be appropriated for the Peace Corps  
22 \$5,000,000 each such fiscal year solely for the recruit-  
23 ment, training, and placement of Peace Corps volunteers  
24 in countries where a greater understanding of Western



1 values and goals would promote the fourth goal of the  
2 Peace Corps.

3 **SEC. 9. GLOBAL INFECTIOUS DISEASES INITIATIVE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director, in cooperation with  
5 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Na-  
6 tional Institutes of Health, the World Health Organization  
7 and the Pan American Health Organization, local public  
8 health officials, shall develop a program of training for all  
9 Peace Corps volunteers in the areas of education, preven-  
10 tion, and treatment of infectious diseases in order to en-  
11 sure that all Peace Corps volunteers make a contribution  
12 to the global campaign against such diseases.

13 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) AIDS.—The term “AIDS” means the ac-  
15 quired immune deficiency syndrome.

16 (2) HIV.—The term “HIV” means the human  
17 immunodeficiency virus, the pathogen that causes  
18 AIDS.

19 (3) HIV/AIDS.—The term “HIV/AIDS”  
20 means, with respect to an individual, an individual  
21 who is infected with HIV or living with AIDS.

22 (4) INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—The term “infec-  
23 tious diseases” means HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and  
24 malaria.

1 **SEC. 10. PEACE CORPS ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

2 Section 12 of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2511;  
3 relating to the Peace Corps National Advisory Council)  
4 is amended—

5 (1) by amending subsection (b)(2)(D) to read  
6 as follows:

7 “(D) make recommendations for utilizing  
8 the expertise of returned Peace Corps volun-  
9 teers in fulfilling the goals of the Peace Corps,  
10 particularly the third and fourth goals of the  
11 Peace Corps.”;

12 (2) in subsection (c)—

13 (A) by striking paragraph (1);

14 (B) in paragraph (2)

15 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

16 (I) by striking “fifteen” and in-  
17 serting “seven”;

18 (II) by striking the second sen-  
19 tence and inserting the following: “All  
20 of the members shall be former Peace  
21 Corps volunteers, and not more than  
22 four shall be members of the same po-  
23 litical party.”; and

24 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (B),  
25 (D), (E), and (H); and

1 (iii) by redesignating subparagraphs  
2 (C), (F), (G), and (I) as subparagraphs  
3 (B), (C), (D), and (E), respectively;

4 (3) by amending subsection (g) to read as fol-  
5 lows:

6 “(g) CHAIR.—The President shall designate one of  
7 the voting members of the Council as Chair, who shall  
8 serve in that capacity for a period not to exceed two cal-  
9 endar years.”;

10 (4) by amending subsection (h) to read as fol-  
11 lows:

12 “(h) MEETINGS.—The Council shall hold a regular  
13 meeting during each calendar quarter at a date and time  
14 to be determined by the Chair of the Council.”; and

15 (5) by amending subsection (i) to read as fol-  
16 lows:

17 “(i) REPORT.—Not later than July 30, 2003, and an-  
18 nually thereafter, the Council shall submit a report to the  
19 President and the Director of the Peace Corps describing  
20 how the Council has carried out its functions under sub-  
21 section (b)(2).”.

22 **SEC. 11. READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCES.**

23 The Peace Corps Act is amended—

24 (1) in section 5(c) (22 U.S.C. 2504(c)), by  
25 striking “\$125” and inserting “\$\_\_\_\_\_”; and

1 (2) in section 6(1) (22 U.S.C. 2505(1)), by  
2 striking “\$125” and inserting “\$\_\_\_\_\_”.

3 **SEC. 12. PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OF RETURNED PEACE**  
4 **CORPS VOLUNTEERS TO PROMOTE THE**  
5 **THIRD AND FOURTH GOALS OF THE PEACE**  
6 **CORPS.**

7 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to pro-  
8 vide support for returned Peace Corps volunteers to de-  
9 velop programs and projects to promote the third and  
10 fourth objectives of the Peace Corps, as set forth in section  
11 2 of the Peace Corps Act, as amended by section 4 of  
12 this Act.

13 (b) GRANTS TO CERTAIN NONPROFIT CORPORA-  
14 TIONS.—

15 (1) GRANT AUTHORITY.—To carry out the pur-  
16 pose of this section, and subject to the availability  
17 of appropriations, the Director of the Corporation  
18 for National and Community Service shall award  
19 grants on a competitive basis to private nonprofit  
20 corporations that are established in the District of  
21 Columbia for the purpose of serving as incubators  
22 for returned Peace Corps volunteers seeking to use  
23 their knowledge and expertise to undertake commu-  
24 nity-based projects to carry out the third and fourth  
25 goals of the Peace Corps Act.

1           (2) ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANTS.—To be eligible  
2 to compete for grants under this section, a nonprofit  
3 corporation must have a board of directors composed  
4 of returned Peace Corps volunteers with a back-  
5 ground in community service, education, or health.  
6 The director of the corporation (who may also be a  
7 board member of the nonprofit corporation) shall  
8 also be a returned Peace Corps volunteer with dem-  
9 onstrated management expertise in operating a non-  
10 profit corporation. The stated purpose of the non-  
11 profit corporation shall be to act solely as an inter-  
12 mediary between the Corporation for National and  
13 Community Service and individual returned Peace  
14 Corps volunteers seeking funding for projects con-  
15 sistent with the third and fourth goals of the Peace  
16 Corps. The nonprofit corporation shall act as the ac-  
17 countant for individual volunteers for purposes of  
18 tax filing and audit responsibilities.

19           (c) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—Such grants shall be  
20 made pursuant to a grant agreement between the Director  
21 and the nonprofit corporation that requires that—

22           (1) grant funds will only be used to support  
23 programs and projects described in subsection (a)  
24 pursuant to proposals submitted by returned Peace  
25 Corps volunteers;

1           (2) the nonprofit corporation give consideration  
2           to funding individual projects or programs by re-  
3           turned Peace Corps volunteers up to \$100,000;

4           (3) not more than 20 percent of funds made  
5           available to the nonprofit corporation will be used  
6           for the salaries, overhead, or other administrative  
7           expenses of the nonprofit corporation; and

8           (4) the nonprofit corporation will not receive  
9           grant funds under this section for more than two  
10          years unless the corporation has raised private  
11          funds, either in cash or in kind for up to 40 percent  
12          of its annual budget.

13          (d) FUNDING.—Of the funds available to the Cor-  
14          poration for National and Community Service for fiscal  
15          year 2003 or any fiscal year thereafter, not to exceed  
16          \$10,000,000 shall be available for each such fiscal year  
17          to carry out the grant program established under this sec-  
18          tion.

19          (e) STATUS OF THE FUND.—Nothing in this section  
20          shall be construed to make any nonprofit corporation sup-  
21          ported under this section an agency or establishment of  
22          the United States Government or to make the members  
23          of the board of directors or any officer or employee of such  
24          corporation an officer or employee of the United States.

1 (f) CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.—Grant recipients  
2 under this section shall be subject to the appropriate over-  
3 sight procedures of Congress.

4 **SEC. 13. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(b)(1) of the Peace  
6 Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2502(b)(1)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “2002, and” and inserting  
8 “2002,”; and

9 (2) by inserting before the period the following:  
10 “, \$\_\_\_\_ for fiscal year 2004, \$\_\_\_\_ for fiscal year  
11 2005, \$\_\_\_\_ for fiscal year 2006, and \$\_\_\_\_ for fis-  
12 cal year 2007”.

13 (b) INCREASE IN PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER  
14 STRENGTH.—Section 3(c) of the Peace Corps Act (22  
15 U.S.C. 2502(c)) is amended by adding the following new  
16 subsection at the end thereof:

17 “(d) In addition to the amounts authorized to be ap-  
18 propriated in this section, there are authorized to be ap-  
19 propriated such additional sums as may be necessary to  
20 achieve a volunteer corps of 15,000 **【by 2009】** *【by the*  
21 *end of fiscal year 2009?】*.”.