

I voted Yes on S.1280, the Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act. This bill would require the Peace Corps to provide sexual assault risk-reduction and response training to its volunteers. It also directs the Peace Corps to create response teams to handle reports of assaults against a volunteer. Hundreds of Peace Corps volunteers have been sexually assaulted in their host countries abroad in past years.

Kate Puzey, for whom this bill is named, was a 24-year-old volunteer from Georgia when she was murdered in 2009 in West Africa. I support the Peace Corps, as well as this legislation to help keep American volunteers safe when they work abroad representing our nation.

The bill passed by a vote of 406 – 0.