

**House Natural Resources Committee**  
**Guam Field Hearing - Potential Questions**  
**August 24, 2023**

1. What additional steps can the U.S. take to strengthen the bilateral relationship between the FSM-U.S. outside of the Compact agreements?
2. Can you describe the national security impacts of climate change in the FAS? Additionally, can you describe how the U.S. currently supports FSM in increasing its' resilience to global climate impacts, rising sea-levels, and disaster relief?
3. In 2017, the Peace Corps announced they were phasing out of the FSM and Republic of Palau after many years of partnership. The Peace Corps said the phase out was due to operational and infrastructure challenges in areas ranging from vast geographic distances, medical care and transportation, and recurring staff vacancies. Can you please describe the value of the Peace Corps program in the FSM and having the program reinstated?
4. Are there any challenges the FSM is facing in securing its exclusive economic zone (EEZ) waters and fisheries? What more can the U.S. do to assist the FSM in maintaining greater control and regulation of the zone to ensure the maritime resources are sustainable and more profitable to the FSM in the long-term?

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