

FY 2025 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Request

Committee Report Language

Peace Corps Program Expansion in the Indo-Pacific. The Committee recognizes the importance of strengthening the United States's ongoing commitments to our strategic allies in the Indo-Pacific and applauds the recent approval of the amended Compacts of Free Association agreements within the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024. This assistance is essential to the U.S.'s longstanding partnership with the Freely Associated States. The Peace Corps program also plays a critical role in strengthening bilateral collaboration and fostering lasting people-to-people ties between the U.S. and the host countries. The return of the Peace Corps to this region will help to enhance our relationships with our Pacific allies. The Committee strongly supports the Peace Corps' plans to expand programs in the Pacific Island countries and directs the Peace Corps to prioritize funding for the restoration of its programs in the Indo-Pacific that had historically high volunteer participation.

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