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The Next Step in Changing the World

February 3, 2014

The Honorable Harry Reid
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader Reid and Leader McConnell,

On behalf of the Peace Corps community, I respectfully request that the Senate move swiftly to confirm the nomination of Carolyn Hessler-Radelet to be the 19th Director of the Peace Corps.

This week will mark three months since the Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a non-controversial confirmation hearing with Hessler-Radelet. It is now nearly seven months since she was nominated for the position by President Obama.

As you may know, the bi-partisan spirit behind this nomination is exemplified by Senator Isakson, who helped introduce Hessler-Radelet at the confirmation hearing. During Senator Isakson's remarks, he spoke of her good works and predicted she would be unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

It is also noteworthy that in her capacity as Acting Director, Hessler-Radelet has received high praise from many representing the wide cross-section of the entire Peace Corps community.

During her confirmation hearing, Hessler-Radelet spoke to a number of recent and proposed improvements to agency operations and stated, "Our team is ready to take the Peace Corps to a whole new level of engagement."

We urge you give Acting Director Hessler-Radelet the full authority to carry forth with her pro-active, forward-thinking agenda. Please bring her confirmation vote forward as soon as you possibly can.

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Thank you very much for your consideration, and for your service to our nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenn Blumhorst". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Glenn Blumhorst (Guatemala 1988-91)
President

C: Senator Markey
 Senator Barrasso
 Senator Isakson