

Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE) — Congressional Activity Brief

TOP STORY

LEGISLATION / CONSUMER PROTECTION / COPYRIGHT **NEW**

Coons Introduces Two New Bills in 48-Hour Flurry — Credit Repair Regulation (S. 4144) and Copyright/Open Law Access (S. 4145) Filed March 19

Sen. Coons introduced two new bills on Wednesday, March 19. S. 4144 would amend the Credit Repair Organizations Act to impose additional regulations on the credit repair industry and has been referred to Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. S. 4145 would amend Title 17 U.S. Code to require that copyrighted works incorporated by reference into law be publicly accessible, referred to Judiciary. Both bills were read twice and referred to committee with no cosponsors announced. The dual introduction signals Coons is padding his legislative output heading into recess and election season, but neither bill has a realistic path in the Republican-controlled Senate.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** While Coons files bills with little chance of passage to generate press releases, Delaware families are struggling with a 53% increase in median home prices since 2018 (per Katz's homeownership platform). Dr. Katz's economic agenda — including tax incentives for first-time homebuyers, reducing regulatory burdens on small businesses, and repealing corporate income taxes to attract jobs (Katz SB 100, 146th General Assembly) — addresses the root causes of financial hardship rather than adding more federal red tape to an already over-regulated economy.

• TALKING POINTS

- Coons files messaging bills that go nowhere — Delaware families need real economic relief, not press releases
- More regulation from Washington won't fix credit problems caused by inflation and stagnant wages that Coons's spending votes created
- As a business owner, Dr. Katz knows regulation without results is just bureaucracy — his track record includes actually passing legislation in Delaware's State Senate
- Delaware home prices up 53% since 2018 — that's the real consumer crisis Coons should be focused on
- Katz's plan: cut taxes, reduce regulation, and grow the economy so families don't need credit repair in the first place

DEFENSE & PENTAGON

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS / FY2027 BUDGET / DOGE

FY2027 Defense Budget Hearing Series — Weekend Pause After First Full Week; Coons's Anti-DOGE Narrative Solidified

The Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee is in weekend recess after completing its first full week of FY2027 budget hearings. Ranking Member Coons used the week to build a sustained public narrative that DOGE-aligned DOD civilian workforce reductions constitute a 'national security crisis,' repeatedly questioning Pentagon leadership on readiness gaps and framing Dover AFB as a potential victim of civilian cuts. With hearings resuming next week, Coons is expected to press for specific reinstatement commitments and budget line-item protections for logistics and maintenance personnel.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong defense and Dover AFB as critical national infrastructure (per his veterans and defense platform), but he also supports government efficiency and fiscal responsibility (per his platform calling for restructuring government operations — modeled on his Delaware Senate bill establishing a Five-Year Plan to Restructure and Reorganize State Government). Coons's blanket opposition to any civilian workforce reform is about protecting government bloat, not protecting national security. Katz can credibly argue for both a strong military AND an efficient Pentagon.

• TALKING POINTS

- I'll fight for Dover AFB funding AND demand the Pentagon spend taxpayer dollars wisely — that's not a contradiction, that's leadership
- Coons treats any efficiency reform as a crisis — that's how we got a \$36 trillion national debt
- As a Delaware State Senator, Dr. Katz authored legislation to restructure and reorganize government to match services with revenues — the same discipline the Pentagon needs
- Supporting our troops means making sure defense dollars go to readiness, not redundant bureaucracy
- Coons wants to protect every government job — Katz wants to protect every American family from the crushing debt Washington keeps piling up

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION / DELAWARE

Dover AFB FY2027 Military Construction — Weekend Review of Budget Justification Documents

With the first week of FY2027 hearings concluded, military construction budget justification documents for Dover Air Force Base should now be available for staff review. Dover AFB, home to the 436th and 512th Airlift Wings and the nation's largest aerial port, is a critical Delaware installation. Coons is expected to highlight any MILCON requests for Dover in upcoming weeks to demonstrate he is 'delivering for Delaware.' Staff should pull the detailed MILCON justification data over the weekend to prepare pre-emption messaging.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Per Katz's veterans and defense platform, he strongly supports Dover AFB infrastructure investment and recognizes its irreplaceable role in national defense. Katz can acknowledge bipartisan MILCON wins while pivoting: 'Funding Dover AFB isn't a partisan achievement — it's a national security requirement. The real question is what else Coons has done for Delaware's economy beyond claiming credit for military spending that any senator from either party would support.'

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dover AFB is a national treasure — its funding shouldn't be a partisan talking point, it's a national security requirement
- Any Delaware senator would fight for Dover — what has Coons done for the rest of Delaware's economy?
- Katz will fight for Dover AFB AND for Delaware businesses, jobs, and families that Coons has neglected
- Dover's military families deserve a senator who fights for their base AND their cost of living

SOURCES: Senate Appropriations Committee · Dover Air Force Base
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DEFENSE / BORDER SECURITY

[STAFF VERIFY] Coons Statements on National Guard Border Deployment — Still No Confirmed Public Position This Week

Staff should verify whether Coons issued any formal statement, floor remarks, committee questions, or social media posts this week regarding the Administration's expanded National Guard deployment authorization along the southern border. Coons's silence on this issue — while being extremely vocal on DOGE military cuts — suggests he is avoiding a politically uncomfortable topic where his caucus is divided. If confirmed silent, this represents a significant vulnerability.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Per Katz's platform supporting secure borders and strong ICE enforcement, his position is unambiguous — the southern border must be secured and

National Guard resources should be deployed as needed to support that mission. Coons's apparent silence on border deployment while loudly opposing Pentagon efficiency reforms reveals his priorities: protect government bureaucracy, but go quiet when it's about protecting the actual border.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Coons has plenty to say about government desk jobs at the Pentagon — but nothing about securing our border
- Dr. Katz has been clear from day one: secure borders, strong ICE enforcement, no ambiguity
- A senator who fights harder for bureaucratic headcount than for border security has his priorities backwards
- Delaware communities are affected by the fentanyl crisis — Coons owes them a clear answer on border deployments

SOURCES: [Coons.senate.gov](https://coons.senate.gov) — Press

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RECENT LEGISLATION

CONSUMER PROTECTION / BANKING **NEW**

S. 4144 — Credit Repair Organizations Act Amendments — NEW (Introduced 3/19)

Coons introduced S. 4144 on March 19 to amend the Credit Repair Organizations Act with additional protections against harmful industry practices. The bill has been referred to Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. No cosponsors announced. Credit repair regulation is a niche consumer protection issue unlikely to gain traction in the Republican-controlled Senate but provides Coons with a consumer-friendly talking point for campaign purposes.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Drawing on Katz's economic platform emphasizing reduced regulatory burdens on small businesses, Katz can argue that Washington over-regulation is what drives consumers into financial distress in the first place. The better approach is Katz's agenda of tax reform, energy independence, and small business growth that raises wages and reduces the need for credit repair services. More regulation treats symptoms; Katz's economic plan treats causes.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- The best consumer protection is a paycheck that keeps up with the cost of living — Katz's economic plan delivers that
- Coons adds regulation; Katz would cut taxes and grow jobs so families don't need credit repair
- Another bill with zero cosponsors — this is legislation-by-press-release

- Small businesses are drowning in compliance costs — and Coons wants to pile on more

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](#) — S. 4144

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COPYRIGHT / GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY **NEW**

S. 4145 — Works Incorporated by Reference into Law (Copyright/Open Access) — NEW (Introduced 3/19)

Coons introduced S. 4145 on March 19 to amend Title 17, U.S. Code, requiring that copyrighted works incorporated by reference into federal law be made publicly accessible. Referred to Judiciary. This is a good-government transparency measure with potential bipartisan appeal but narrow scope. No cosponsors announced. Coons's authorship of transparency legislation at the federal level creates an opening for Katz to contrast with his own strong transparency record in the Delaware Senate.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz has a proven record on government transparency — he authored legislation for live streaming of the Delaware State Senate (Katz SR 14, 146th General Assembly), open and transparent redistricting (Katz SR 9), and comprehensive lobby reform and financial disclosure requirements (Katz SB 141). While Coons introduces a narrow copyright-access bill, Katz has actually fought and delivered real transparency reforms. Talk is cheap; Katz has the receipts.

• TALKING POINTS

- Dr. Katz delivered live-streaming of the Delaware State Senate — real transparency, not a press release
- Katz authored comprehensive lobby reform, conflict of interest bans, and open redistricting — actual anti-corruption legislation
- Coons has been in Washington 15 years — where was his transparency agenda until now?
- Katz: SR 14 for live-streaming, SR 9 for open redistricting, SB 141 for lobby reform — that's a transparency record

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](#) — S. 4145

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JUDICIARY / LAW ENFORCEMENT / DISABILITY RIGHTS **UPDATED**

S. 4089 — Blue Envelope Act — Nine Days in Judiciary, No Action

Coons's Blue Envelope Act (S. 4089), introduced March 12, has now been in the Senate Judiciary Committee for nine days with no committee action, no hearing scheduled, and no publicly announced cosponsors. The bill would authorize DOJ grants for state and local governments to implement voluntary 'blue envelope' identification programs for drivers with

autism spectrum disorder during traffic stops. While the underlying concept is sympathetic, the bill's lack of cosponsors and committee inaction suggest it was introduced primarily as a messaging vehicle.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Per Katz's first responders platform, he is deeply committed to supporting law enforcement and improving their tools and training. Katz can express support for the concept of better police-community interaction tools for individuals with disabilities while questioning why Coons can't find a single cosponsor. Drawing on Katz's healthcare background as a physician who cared for patients across the full spectrum of society, he can speak credibly about disability-sensitive approaches without needing a messaging bill.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Good idea, zero cosponsors — Coons can't even build bipartisan support for a sympathetic cause
- As a physician, Dr. Katz has spent decades caring for patients with complex needs — he doesn't need a bill number to show he cares
- Katz's first responder platform commits to better training, equipment, and community relations — that's real support for police and citizens
- If Coons were serious about this, he'd have lined up cosponsors before filing — this is performative legislating

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) — S. 4089

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ENVIRONMENT / FOREIGN AID

S. 4011 — Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Reauthorization — No Movement, Week 3

Coons's reauthorization of the 1998 Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act (S. 4011), introduced March 5, remains in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee entering its third week with no new cosponsors, no hearing scheduled, and no committee action. The bill would reauthorize U.S.-funded debt-for-nature swaps with developing countries — sending American taxpayer dollars overseas for conservation programs at a time when Delaware communities face pressing domestic needs.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Per Katz's energy and environment platform, he supports environmental stewardship — including his authorship of Delaware's National Scenic Byway legislation (Katz SB 241, 146th General Assembly) — but his focus is on American communities first. Coons's priority of sending conservation dollars to tropical forests abroad while Delaware roads, bridges, and infrastructure need investment reflects misplaced priorities. Katz's approach:

protect Delaware's environment and invest in American energy independence before funding international programs.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Coons wants to fund tropical forests abroad while Delaware's own infrastructure crumbles
- Dr. Katz authored and passed Delaware's Scenic Byway preservation law — he protects our environment here at home
- America first means American conservation first — Katz supports investing in Delaware's beaches, open spaces, and clean water
- Three weeks, zero cosponsors — even Democrats aren't lining up for this

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) — S. 4011

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IMMIGRATION / OVERSIGHT **UPDATED**

S. 3891 — ICE Accountability Act — Stalled in Judiciary Committee, Week 6

Coons's ICE Accountability Act (S. 3891), introduced February 12, enters its sixth week stalled in the Senate Judiciary Committee with no new cosponsors or committee action. The bill would impose additional reporting requirements and oversight mechanisms on ICE enforcement operations. In the current political environment — with public concern over border security running high — Coons's bill to add bureaucratic constraints on ICE remains a significant vulnerability.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Per Katz's platform supporting secure borders and strong ICE enforcement, this bill is exactly backwards. While fentanyl continues to pour across the border and communities across America suffer the consequences, Coons's priority is to tie ICE's hands with more paperwork and bureaucratic oversight. Dr. Katz would strengthen ICE, not shackle it. This bill is a clear litmus test: Coons sides with limiting enforcement; Katz sides with protecting communities.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Six weeks, zero cosponsors — even Democrats don't want to be caught voting to weaken ICE
- Coons's answer to the border crisis: more paperwork for the agents trying to stop it
- Dr. Katz supports strong ICE enforcement — period. No handcuffs on the people protecting our communities
- Delaware families dealing with the fentanyl crisis deserve a senator who strengthens enforcement, not weakens it

- The ICE Accountability Act should be renamed the ICE Obstruction Act — that's what it really does

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](#) — S. 3891

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APPROPRIATIONS & DELAWARE FUNDING

FEDERAL FUNDING / DELAWARE

[STAFF VERIFY] FY2026 Federal Funding Status — Continuing Resolution or Enacted Appropriations?

Staff should confirm the current status of FY2026 federal funding — whether the government is operating under a continuing resolution, an enacted omnibus, or individual minibus packages. If an omnibus or minibus has been enacted, verify which Coons-requested Delaware earmarks were included and their dollar amounts. This is critical for tracking whether Coons can claim credit for Delaware-specific federal spending in the current fiscal year.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Per Katz's fiscal responsibility platform, he supports investing in Delaware's legitimate infrastructure and community needs but opposes the bloated omnibus spending process that bundles earmarks with trillions in wasteful spending. Drawing on Katz's Delaware Senate record establishing an independent council to restructure state government to match services with revenues, he can argue for a disciplined appropriations process that funds real needs without bankrupting future generations.

• TALKING POINTS

- Earmarks don't justify trillion-dollar omnibus spending bills — that's Washington math, not Delaware math
- Katz will fight for Delaware funding through a transparent, accountable appropriations process
- A few million in earmarks doesn't offset the billions Delaware taxpayers owe in national debt interest
- In the Delaware Senate, Katz demanded government match services to revenues — Washington should do the same

SOURCES: [Senate Appropriations Committee](#)

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VETERANS / DELAWARE / HEALTHCARE

Veterans Affairs — Southern Delaware VA Facility Advocacy — Weekend Constituent Outreach Window

Coons continues to advocate for expanded VA healthcare services in southern Delaware, including support for a new outpatient specialty care facility serving veterans in Kent and Sussex counties. The weekend provides Coons an opportunity for constituent outreach events highlighting this advocacy. Staff should monitor for any Coons weekend events, press releases, or social media posts related to VA services in southern Delaware.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Per Katz's veterans platform, he has specifically called for a VA Advanced Medical Facility in Southern Delaware, recognizing that veterans in Kent and Sussex counties urgently need accessible, advanced medical care for their unique health challenges. As a physician with over forty years in healthcare (per Katz's healthcare platform), Dr. Katz brings clinical expertise to this fight that Coons simply cannot match. Katz doesn't just advocate for a building — he understands what services need to go inside it.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz has called for a VA Advanced Medical Facility in Southern Delaware — with the clinical expertise to know what veterans actually need
- A physician-senator can hold the VA accountable on quality of care, not just square footage
- Kent and Sussex veterans shouldn't have to drive hours for specialty care — Katz will make this a Day One priority
- Coons has been in office since 2010 — Southern Delaware veterans are still waiting for adequate care

SOURCES: [Coons.senate.gov](https://coons.senate.gov) — Press · U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs † INDEX

DELAWARE

BUSINESS CLIMATE / CORPORATE GOVERNANCE / DELAWARE ECONOMY **UPDATED**

ExxonMobil Texas Redomiciliation — Coons Enters Third Week Without Addressing Delaware's Eroding Business Climate

ExxonMobil's board-recommended redomiciliation from New Jersey to Texas — bypassing Delaware entirely — continues to reverberate as a signal that Delaware's longstanding position as America's premier state for corporate incorporation is eroding. Major corporations are increasingly choosing Texas, Nevada, and other business-friendly states. Coons has now gone three full weeks without issuing any public statement addressing this trend or proposing federal-level measures to protect Delaware's corporate franchise. This silence is increasingly conspicuous given that Delaware's corporate franchise tax revenue is a critical component of the state's budget.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Drawing on Katz's Delaware Senate bill repealing the corporate income tax (Katz SB 100, 146th General Assembly) and his economic platform emphasizing reduced corporate tax burdens and business-friendly policies, Katz has a concrete record of fighting to make Delaware competitive for business. Coons's silence while Delaware's corporate franchise erodes is dereliction — a senator who cared about Delaware's economy would be sounding the alarm and proposing solutions. Katz has been proposing solutions since his time in Dover.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- ExxonMobil chose Texas over Delaware — and our senior senator has nothing to say about it
- Dr. Katz authored SB 100 to repeal Delaware's corporate income tax and make our state competitive — that's leadership
- Delaware's corporate franchise is the crown jewel of our state budget — Coons is watching it slip away in silence
- Texas is eating Delaware's lunch on business climate — Katz has a plan to fight back, Coons doesn't
- Three weeks of silence on the biggest threat to Delaware's economy — that tells you everything about Coons's priorities

SOURCES: Delaware News Journal · Delaware Division of Corporations † INDEX

DELAWARE ECONOMY / QUALITY OF LIFE

[STAFF VERIFY] Delaware Population and Outmigration Trends — 2025 Census Estimates

Staff should check whether updated Census Bureau population estimates or IRS migration data for Delaware have been released in March 2026. Recent trends have shown Delaware experiencing slower population growth compared to Sun Belt states, with some data suggesting net domestic outmigration — particularly among younger working-age residents and retirees seeking lower cost-of-living states. Any new data points would be valuable for framing Delaware's economic trajectory under Coons's tenure.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Per Katz's economic platform emphasizing workforce development, homeownership affordability (median home prices up 53% since 2018), and small business growth, Delaware needs a senator focused on making the state an attractive place to live, work, and raise a family. If outmigration data confirms people are leaving Delaware, it's a direct indictment of the status quo that Coons represents. Katz's comprehensive economic agenda — tax reform, energy independence, education investment — addresses the root causes driving people out.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- People vote with their feet — if Delawareans are leaving, it's a report card on 15 years of Coons
- Dr. Katz's plan: make Delaware affordable, competitive, and a place young families want to stay
- Home prices up 53% since 2018 — no wonder people are looking elsewhere
- Katz will fight for policies that keep Delawareans in Delaware, not drive them to Florida and Texas

SOURCES: U.S. Census Bureau

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GOVERNMENT REFORM / DELAWARE JOBS

[STAFF VERIFY] DOGE-Driven Federal Workforce Cuts — Delaware-Specific Impact Numbers

Coons has been among the most vocal Senate Democrats opposing DOGE-driven reductions-in-force across federal agencies. Delaware has a significant federal workforce presence, including at Dover AFB, the VA, IRS, and other agencies. Staff should verify whether any Delaware-specific federal workforce impact numbers have been released by OPM, individual agencies, or state sources. Concrete numbers would allow Katz to acknowledge legitimate concerns about Delaware federal employees while framing a responsible reform message.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Per Katz's platform on fiscal responsibility and government restructuring (modeled on his Delaware Senate bill establishing a Five-Year Plan to Restructure and Reorganize State Government), Katz supports responsible government reform that protects essential services while eliminating waste. He can express concern for Delaware federal workers and their families while arguing that blanket opposition to any reform — Coons's position — is how government grows beyond what taxpayers can sustain. The goal is efficiency, not elimination of essential services.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz cares about Delaware's federal workers — he also cares about the taxpayers who fund their salaries
- Responsible reform means protecting essential jobs while cutting waste — Coons opposes all reform
- In the Delaware Senate, Katz authored a Five-Year Plan to restructure government responsibly — that's the model
- Blind opposition to reform is how we got a \$36 trillion national debt

SOURCES: Coons.senate.gov — Press · U.S. Office of Personnel Management ↑ INDEX

WAR POWERS / IRAN / FOREIGN RELATIONS

Iran War Powers Debate — Weekend Pause, No Floor Vote Scheduled; Coons Continues Push to Constrain Commander-in-Chief Authority

Coons remains a vocal supporter of Sen. Tim Kaine's War Powers Resolution aimed at restraining the President's ability to take military action against Iran without prior congressional authorization. No new floor vote has been scheduled. Coons has continued to press for a vote through public statements and committee channels. The weekend pause offers no new developments, but the issue remains a persistent thread in Coons's national security messaging — one that positions him to the left of the general electorate on presidential military authority.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Per Katz's platform supporting strong defense and Commander-in-Chief authority, the President must retain the ability to respond swiftly to threats from Iran without being hamstrung by congressional pre-authorization requirements that telegraph our intentions to adversaries. Coons's push to constrain military flexibility on Iran — while Iran accelerates its nuclear program — prioritizes process over security. A physician understands triage: when the threat is imminent, you act — you don't convene a committee.

• TALKING POINTS

- When Iran threatens American lives, the President must be able to act — not wait for a Senate vote
- Coons wants to telegraph our military plans to Tehran — that's not diplomacy, that's weakness
- Dr. Katz supports strong Commander-in-Chief authority because national security demands speed and decisiveness
- A physician knows: in an emergency, you act first and debrief after — the same principle applies to national defense
- Iran's nuclear program won't wait for congressional debate — neither should our military response capability

SOURCES: Senate Foreign Relations Committee · Coons.senate.gov — Press ↑ INDEX

GOVERNMENT REFORM / FOREIGN AFFAIRS

DOGE Cuts to State Department / USAID — Coons Opposition Continues Into Weekend

Coons has continued his vocal opposition to DOGE-driven workforce reduction plans targeting the State Department and USAID, calling the reductions 'reckless' and arguing they undermine

American diplomatic capacity and national security. No new floor action or committee hearing is scheduled for the weekend. Coons's position aligns him with the foreign policy establishment but creates a vulnerability on fiscal responsibility and government efficiency with the general electorate.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Per Katz's fiscal responsibility platform, reforming bloated foreign affairs bureaucracies is responsible governance, not recklessness. Katz supports American diplomatic strength but argues it comes from strategic focus, not headcount. Drawing on Katz's business background and his Delaware Senate record of government restructuring, he can credibly argue that efficiency reforms — properly managed — make institutions stronger, not weaker. Coons conflates bureaucratic size with diplomatic effectiveness.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- A bigger State Department doesn't mean a stronger America — strategic focus does
- Coons defends every government job abroad while Delaware workers struggle at home
- Dr. Katz's business experience proves that leaner organizations can be more effective
- Reform isn't reckless — wasting taxpayer dollars on bloated bureaucracy is reckless

SOURCES: [Coons.senate.gov](https://coons.senate.gov) — Press · Senate Foreign Relations Committee † INDEX

UKRAINE / FOREIGN AID

[STAFF VERIFY] Ukraine Supplemental Aid — Weekend Status Check

Coons has been one of the Senate's most vocal advocates for continued military and economic assistance to Ukraine. Staff should verify whether any new supplemental aid package language has been circulated, whether any bipartisan negotiations have produced a framework, or whether the Administration has made new requests related to Ukraine assistance. Any developments would likely surface in Monday news cycles.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Per Katz's defense and fiscal responsibility platforms, any further Ukraine assistance must be accompanied by clear accountability measures, defined objectives, and a path to resolution — not open-ended commitments. Coons's approach of unlimited Ukraine support without fiscal guardrails mirrors his broader pattern of spending without accountability. Katz supports strong alliances and deterrence but demands that every taxpayer dollar spent abroad has a clear purpose and measurable outcome.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Support for allies must come with accountability — blank checks are irresponsible
- Dr. Katz supports a strong NATO alliance AND fiscal discipline — these aren't contradictory

- Coons writes blank checks abroad while Delaware families struggle to write their mortgage checks
- Define the mission, measure the results, account for the spending — that's Katz's approach to foreign aid

SOURCES: Senate Foreign Relations Committee · Coons.senate.gov — Press ↑ INDEX

2026 RACE CONTEXT

CAMPAIGN INTELLIGENCE

Race Snapshot: Coons vs. Katz (General: Nov. 3, 2026)

Sen. Coons (D) is running for a third full term. Republican primary: Dr. Mike Katz vs. John Shulli — primary set for September 15, 2026. Delaware is historically Solid Democratic. Coons has missed 3.0% of Senate roll call votes since 2010. His legislative profile focuses on International Affairs (27%), Commerce (21%), and Labor (10%). Committees: Appropriations (Defense Subcommittee Ranking Member), Foreign Relations, Judiciary. This week Coons introduced two new bills (S. 4144 and S. 4145) while his earlier legislation continues to stall without cosponsors. His FY2027 defense hearing narrative on DOGE is fully established heading into next week.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Strategic note for Katz: Coons's flurry of new legislation (four bills in two weeks) with zero cosponsors suggests election-year activity inflation. Key vulnerabilities this week: (1) continued silence on Delaware business climate/ExxonMobil redomiciliation, (2) ICE Accountability Act now in week 6 with zero support, (3) border deployment silence, (4) Iran war powers constraint. Katz's strongest differentiators remain healthcare expertise (per his 40+ years in medicine), government transparency record (SR 14, SR 9, SB 141), fiscal responsibility (Five-Year Plan, SB 100), and clear positions on border security and Commander-in-Chief authority.

• TALKING POINTS

- Four new bills in two weeks, zero cosponsors on any of them — that's not legislating, that's campaigning
- 15 years in Washington and Coons is still filing messaging bills — Delaware deserves results
- Dr. Katz: physician, business owner, former state senator with passed legislation — not a career politician
- Katz's record: transparency laws, government reform, corporate tax relief — things that actually became law in Delaware

Sources: Congress.gov · GovTrack · NPR · Coons.senate.gov · Ballotpedia · C-SPAN

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