

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

TOP STORY

LEGISLATIVE EFFECTIVENESS / OVERSIGHT **UPDATED**

Coons' March Legislative Flurry Enters Second Week With Zero Committee Traction — Four Bills Stalled as Senate Returns Monday

As the Senate returns from the weekend, all four bills Coons introduced in March 2026 remain parked in committee with no hearings scheduled, no reported cosponsors, and no markup activity. S. 4144 (credit repair regulation) and S. 4145 (copyright/open law access) have been in committee for four days; S. 4089 (Blue Envelope Act) for eleven days; and S. 4011 (Tropical Forest/Coral Reef Conservation Reauthorization) for eighteen days. Combined with S. 3891 (ICE Accountability Act), now in its sixth week without movement, Coons' legislative pipeline shows persistent volume but no demonstrated ability to advance bills through committee in the 119th Congress's Republican-controlled Senate.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz believes legislative effectiveness is measured by results, not press releases. Per his Delaware State Senate record — including the DHIN restructuring legislation, the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway bill (SB 241), and lobby reform (SB 141) — Dr. Katz has a track record of authoring bills that actually passed. Coons' inability to advance any March bill past introduction underscores 15 years of seniority without proportional legislative results for Delaware.

• TALKING POINTS

- Coons has introduced five bills since February with zero committee hearings, zero cosponsors, and zero progress — after 15 years in office
- Dr. Katz passed real legislation in the Delaware State Senate, including DHIN reform, scenic byway preservation (SB 241), and lobby reform (SB 141)
- Volume of bill introductions without results is performative legislating — Delaware deserves a senator who delivers
- The 119th Congress requires bipartisan coalition-building skills — Coons' bills show no Republican cosponsors
- Dr. Katz's experience building consensus as a physician and business owner translates to practical legislative effectiveness

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS / FY2027 BUDGET / DOGE **UPDATED**

FY2027 Defense Budget Hearing Series — Monday Return; Coons Expected to Continue Anti-DOGE Messaging in Week Two

The Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee returns Monday from weekend recess to resume FY2027 budget hearings. Ranking Member Coons spent the first full week building a sustained public narrative that DOGE-driven DOD civilian workforce reductions constitute a 'national security crisis.' Week two is expected to feature service-branch-specific budget justification hearings where Coons will likely press uniformed leaders on civilian manpower shortfalls and readiness impacts. Staff should monitor for hearing schedules posted Monday morning.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong defense and fiscal responsibility simultaneously — per his platform commitment to a robust military force and his record of proposing government restructuring (his Delaware State Senate initiative to establish an independent council for a five-year plan to restructure and reorganize state government). Opposing all efficiency reforms is not a defense strategy; it is a status quo strategy.

• TALKING POINTS

- Dr. Katz supports both a strong defense and eliminating waste — these are not mutually exclusive
- Coons frames every efficiency effort as a crisis because he has no reform agenda of his own
- Dr. Katz authored legislation in the Delaware Senate to restructure state government — he understands how to reform without degrading core missions
- Dover AFB readiness is non-negotiable, but that doesn't mean every DOD bureaucratic position is sacred
- Week two hearings will reveal whether Coons asks substantive readiness questions or simply grandstands on DOGE

SOURCES: Senate Appropriations Committee · C-SPAN

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MILITARY CONSTRUCTION / DELAWARE **UPDATED**

Dover AFB FY2027 Military Construction — Monday Staff Review of Budget Justification Documents

Military construction budget justification documents for Dover Air Force Base should now be fully available for detailed staff review as the new hearing week begins. Dover AFB, home to the 436th and 437th Airlift Wings and the nation's only aerial port of embarkation for fallen service

members, is a critical Delaware defense asset. Staff should identify specific MILCON line items, dollar amounts, and project descriptions for Dover in the FY2027 request to prepare Dr. Katz for informed commentary on Delaware defense infrastructure.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Per Dr. Katz's veterans and defense platform, sustaining a robust military force is a national imperative. Dr. Katz supports full funding for Dover AFB infrastructure and believes Delaware's military installations deserve a senator who fights for MILCON funding based on strategic necessity, not partisan messaging opportunities.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dover AFB is Delaware's most important federal installation — its MILCON funding is a top Katz priority
- Dr. Katz supports strong defense infrastructure investment as outlined in his veterans and military platform
- Staff should compare Coons' public advocacy for Dover MILCON against actual dollars secured in recent cycles
- Any bipartisan Dover AFB wins should be acknowledged while noting broader defense posture differences

SOURCES: Senate Appropriations Committee · Dover Air Force Base (USAF) † INDEX

DEFENSE / BORDER SECURITY

[STAFF VERIFY] Coons Statements on National Guard Border Deployment — No Confirmed Public Position Through Week Ending 3/22

Staff has been tracking for two consecutive weeks whether Coons has issued any formal statement, floor remarks, committee questions, or social media posts regarding the Administration's expanded National Guard deployment authority for border security operations. As of the weekend, no confirmed public position has been identified. Monday is an important check-in — with hearings resuming, Coons may be asked about military resources allocated to border operations during defense budget testimony. Staff should monitor all Coons channels Monday.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports secure borders and strong ICE enforcement as a core campaign position. Coons' conspicuous silence on National Guard border deployment — now entering a third week without comment — suggests he is unwilling to either support border security or openly oppose it, choosing political avoidance over leadership.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Two full weeks and counting — Coons has said nothing about National Guard border deployment
- Dr. Katz supports secure borders and strong ICE enforcement — no ambiguity, no silence
- A senator on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee should have a public position on military border operations
- Coons' silence is a calculated political choice — Delawareans deserve straight answers on border security

SOURCES: Coons Senate Website · C-SPAN

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RECENT LEGISLATION

CONSUMER PROTECTION / BANKING **UPDATED**

S. 4144 — Credit Repair Organizations Act Amendments — Four Days in Banking Committee, No Cosponsors

Coons' S. 4144, introduced March 19 to amend the Credit Repair Organizations Act with additional industry protections, enters its fourth day in the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee. No cosponsors have been announced. No hearing has been scheduled. The bill targets predatory credit repair practices but adds new regulatory layers to an industry already governed by the FTC and CFPB. Staff should review the full text when available to assess whether it duplicates existing enforcement authority.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports consumer protection but opposes layering redundant federal regulation on industries already supervised by existing agencies. Per his economy platform's emphasis on alleviating regulatory burdens on small businesses, Dr. Katz believes the focus should be on enforcing existing law, not creating new bureaucratic frameworks.

• TALKING POINTS

- Credit repair scams are a real problem — but the FTC and CFPB already have enforcement authority
- Dr. Katz supports enforcing existing consumer protection law rather than piling on new regulations
- Coons' bill has zero cosponsors — even his own party hasn't rallied behind it
- Per Dr. Katz's economy platform, regulatory burden should be reduced, not expanded

SOURCES: Congress.gov — S. 4144

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S. 4145 — Works Incorporated by Reference into Law (Copyright/Open Access) — Four Days in Judiciary, No Cosponsors

Coons' S. 4145, introduced March 19 to amend Title 17 U.S. Code regarding copyrighted works incorporated by reference into federal law, enters its fourth day in the Judiciary Committee. No cosponsors or hearing activity. The bill addresses a real transparency concern — citizens being required to comply with laws they must pay to read — but has potential opposition from standards-development organizations. Staff should assess whether this has any bipartisan co-sponsorship potential.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports government transparency — per his Delaware State Senate record, he authored SR 14 requiring live streaming of the Delaware State Senate and SR 9 mandating open redistricting. If Coons' open-access bill is substantive, Dr. Katz could acknowledge the transparency principle while noting Coons' broader pattern of introducing bills that go nowhere.

• TALKING POINTS

- Government transparency is a Katz core value — he passed live-streaming of the Delaware Senate (SR 14)
- Coons' transparency bill has merit in principle, but zero cosponsors after four days signals no coalition
- Dr. Katz championed open redistricting (SR 9) — transparency isn't a talking point for him, it's a track record
- The question isn't whether a bill sounds good — it's whether it can pass

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) — S. 4145

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

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

Coons' Blue Envelope Act (S. 4089), introduced March 12 to authorize DOJ grants for programs assisting law enforcement in identifying and safely interacting with individuals with autism and other disabilities during traffic stops, has now been in the Senate Judiciary Committee for eleven days. No committee action, no hearing, no publicly announced cosponsors. The concept has strong community support but the bill lacks the political momentum to advance.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports law enforcement and first responders — per his first responders platform, he believes in solving problems faced by law enforcement including training and resource shortages. The Blue Envelope concept has community value, but

Dr. Katz would note that introducing bills without building coalitions to pass them serves the press release, not the community.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Autism awareness during traffic stops is a worthy goal — but the bill needs Republican cosponsors to move
- Dr. Katz's first responder platform calls for comprehensive support including training — he supports practical solutions
- Eleven days, zero cosponsors, zero hearings — this bill is stalled
- As a physician, Dr. Katz understands the unique needs of individuals with developmental disabilities in crisis situations

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

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ENVIRONMENT / FOREIGN AID **UPDATED**

S. 4011 — Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Reauthorization — No Movement, Entering Week 4

Coons' 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 fourth week with no new cosponsors, no hearing scheduled, and no committee action. The bill would reauthorize a debt-for-nature program that allows developing countries to redirect U.S. debt payments toward conservation. In the current fiscal environment, reauthorizing foreign conservation spending faces steep headwinds.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports environmental stewardship — per his energy and environment platform, he authored Delaware's National Scenic Byway legislation (SB 241) to preserve open spaces. However, Dr. Katz believes fiscal responsibility requires prioritizing American conservation and energy needs over debt-for-nature swaps that benefit foreign governments during a period of record national debt.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz's environmental record includes passing Delaware's National Scenic Byway bill (SB 241)
- Coons wants to reauthorize foreign conservation debt swaps while the U.S. runs record deficits
- Prioritize American environmental needs — Delaware's beaches, waterways, and open spaces — before foreign programs

- Eighteen days in committee with no cosponsors shows this isn't a priority for anyone but Coons

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](#) — S. 4011

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IMMIGRATION / OVERSIGHT

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

Coons' 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 constraints on Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations. In the current enforcement-first political environment, the bill has virtually no path to advancement in the Republican-controlled Senate.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong ICE enforcement as a core campaign position and opposes legislation designed to constrain immigration enforcement operations. While Coons seeks to add bureaucratic oversight layers to ICE, Dr. Katz believes ICE agents should be empowered to enforce the law, not buried in congressional reporting mandates.

• TALKING POINTS

- Six weeks stalled — Coons' ICE oversight bill was dead on arrival in a Republican Senate
- Dr. Katz supports strong ICE enforcement — not more red tape for the agents protecting our borders
- This bill signals Coons' priorities: constraining enforcement rather than securing the border
- Delaware families want secure borders, not congressional mandates that slow down deportations
- Coons introduced this bill to signal to the progressive base, not to solve a problem

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](#) — S. 3891 (staff verify exact URL)

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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 as the new week begins — whether the government is operating under a continuing resolution, an enacted omnibus, or individual minibuss packages. If enacted appropriations are in effect, staff should identify

Delaware-specific earmarks secured by Coons and any he publicly claimed credit for. This is essential context for the FY2027 hearing cycle now underway.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Per Dr. Katz's fiscal responsibility platform, the federal budget process is broken. A senator's job includes passing budgets on time — chronic continuing resolutions hurt Delaware's military installations, federal workers, and small businesses that depend on government contracts.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- The federal government should operate on a real budget, not perpetual continuing resolutions
- Dr. Katz supports fiscal responsibility — that starts with a functioning appropriations process
- Delaware's federal workforce at Dover AFB and other installations deserves budget certainty
- After 15 years in the Senate, Coons still can't deliver timely appropriations

SOURCES: Senate Appropriations Committee

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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 IRS Wilmington campus, and various VA facilities. Staff should verify whether OPM or agency-specific RIF notifications have been issued affecting Delaware federal employees, and quantify the local impact. Monday is a key day as new RIF notifications may be posted with the start of the business week.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports government efficiency while protecting essential services — per his Delaware State Senate legislation establishing an independent council for government restructuring. He believes DOGE-style reforms should be targeted and strategic, protecting frontline workers at installations like Dover AFB while eliminating genuine bureaucratic waste.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz authored Delaware State Senate legislation to restructure government — he understands reform done right
- Protecting Dover AFB jobs is non-negotiable; eliminating Washington bureaucratic bloat is common sense
- Coons opposes all efficiency reforms — Dr. Katz supports targeted, strategic restructuring

- Delaware federal workers deserve a senator who fights for smart reform, not the status quo

SOURCES: Coons Senate Website · OPM.gov

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DELAWARE

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

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

ExxonMobil's board-recommended redomiciliation from New Jersey to Texas — bypassing Delaware entirely — continues to resonate as a signal that Delaware's longstanding position as America's premier corporate domicile state is eroding. Coons has now gone nearly four full weeks without any public statement addressing Delaware's business competitiveness, the redomiciliation trend, or what he is doing to protect the state's franchise tax revenue and Court of Chancery ecosystem. Monday marks a natural opportunity for Coons to address this in the Senate; his continued silence is notable.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Per Dr. Katz's economy platform — including his Delaware State Senate bill to repeal Delaware's corporate income tax (SB 100) to encourage business formation and job creation — Dr. Katz has a demonstrated record of fighting to make Delaware more competitive for business. Coons' silence on the ExxonMobil redomiciliation signals indifference to Delaware's economic foundation.

• TALKING POINTS

- Dr. Katz introduced SB 100 to repeal Delaware's corporate income tax — he fights for business competitiveness
- ExxonMobil chose Texas over Delaware — and Coons has said nothing for nearly four weeks
- Delaware's franchise tax revenue and Court of Chancery prestige are under threat from state competition
- A senator who ignores Delaware's business climate while chasing foreign conservation bills has misplaced priorities
- Dr. Katz believes reducing corporate tax burden and regulatory barriers is how you keep companies in Delaware

SOURCES: Delaware Division of Corporations · Reuters

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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 and potential net outmigration of higher-income residents to lower-tax states. This data is essential for Katz messaging on Delaware's economic competitiveness and quality of life.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Per Dr. Katz's economy and homeownership platforms, Delaware's affordability crisis — with median home prices up 53% from 2018 to 2023 — is driving residents to more affordable, lower-tax states. Dr. Katz believes tax reform, regulatory relief, and affordable housing policies are essential to reversing outmigration.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Delaware home prices surged 53% from 2018-2023 — families are being priced out
- Dr. Katz supports tax incentives for first-time homebuyers and policies to increase affordable housing supply
- If Delaware is losing residents to lower-tax states, that's a failure of economic leadership
- Dr. Katz's homeownership platform addresses the root causes of Delaware's affordability crisis

SOURCES: U.S. Census Bureau

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VETERANS / DELAWARE / HEALTHCARE

Veterans Affairs — Southern Delaware VA Facility Advocacy — Monday Constituent Outreach Opportunity

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. Monday marks the start of a new constituent work period and Coons may issue updates on facility planning. Staff should monitor for any VA announcements, Coons press releases, or town hall scheduling related to southern Delaware veterans' healthcare access.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Per Dr. Katz's veterans platform, he has specifically called for a VA advanced medical facility in southern Delaware to address the unique health challenges facing veterans in Kent and Sussex counties, including PTSD, traumatic brain injury, and chronic conditions. As a physician with 40 years of healthcare experience, Dr. Katz brings clinical expertise that Coons cannot match on veterans' healthcare facility design and service delivery.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz's veterans platform specifically calls for an advanced VA medical facility in southern Delaware
- As a physician, Dr. Katz understands clinical facility design and patient care delivery — Coons does not
- Kent and Sussex County veterans shouldn't have to drive hours for specialty care
- Dr. Katz has 40 years of healthcare experience — he knows what veterans' facilities need to serve patients effectively

SOURCES: Coons Senate Website · VA.gov

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FOREIGN POLICY & DIPLOMACY

WAR POWERS / IRAN / FOREIGN RELATIONS

Iran War Powers Debate — Monday Return, 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 Senate floor vote has been scheduled as of Monday morning. Coons is expected to use his Foreign Relations Committee platform this week to press for the resolution's advancement. Staff should monitor for any new floor scheduling announcements or Coons statements Monday.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong defense and Commander-in-Chief authority as core campaign positions. He believes constraining the President's ability to respond to Iranian threats in real time endangers American service members and emboldens adversaries. Coons' push to require pre-authorization for Iran operations is, in Dr. Katz's view, a dangerous limitation on executive military authority.

• TALKING POINTS

- Dr. Katz supports the President's Commander-in-Chief authority to protect American forces from Iranian threats
- Requiring pre-authorization telegraphs weakness to Tehran and puts troops at risk
- Coons prioritizes congressional process over military readiness when American lives are on the line
- Iran's proxy networks don't wait for Senate floor votes — our Commander-in-Chief shouldn't have to either
- Strong defense means trusting the chain of command, not adding legislative speed bumps during a crisis

GOVERNMENT REFORM / FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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

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. With hearings resuming Monday, Coons may use his dual perch on Appropriations and Foreign Relations to press administration witnesses on diplomatic staffing levels. Staff should monitor for any new Coons statements or hearing exchanges on this topic.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports fiscal responsibility and government restructuring — per his Delaware State Senate legislation establishing an independent council for government reorganization. He believes State Department and USAID reform should be strategic and targeted, not wholesale, but that opposing all efficiency measures is not a credible foreign policy position.

• TALKING POINTS

- Dr. Katz supports smart diplomacy — and smart use of taxpayer dollars funding it
- USAID has faced decades of waste and management failures — reform is overdue
- Coons' 'no cuts anywhere' position isn't a strategy, it's a reflex
- Dr. Katz authored government restructuring legislation in Delaware — he knows reform can be responsible

UKRAINE / FOREIGN AID

[STAFF VERIFY] Ukraine Supplemental Aid — Monday 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 Coons has issued new statements, or whether any Senate floor action is scheduled for the coming week. Monday is a critical day for legislative scheduling announcements.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports American strength abroad but believes any Ukraine aid must include accountability provisions, clear strategic objectives, and prioritization

of American defense readiness. Per his fiscal responsibility platform, open-ended foreign aid without measurable benchmarks is not responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Any Ukraine aid must include strict accountability and measurable strategic objectives
- American defense readiness comes first — foreign aid cannot crowd out domestic military needs
- Dr. Katz supports fiscal responsibility in all spending, including foreign assistance
- Coons writes blank checks for foreign aid while Dover AFB competes for MILCON funding

SOURCES: Senate Foreign Relations Committee · Congress.gov

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SENATE DEMOCRAT CAUCUS WATCH

ELECTION INTEGRITY / IMMIGRATION

SAVE America Act — House-Passed Voter Citizenship Verification Bill Awaits Senate Action; Democrats Expected to Block

The SAVE Act (H.R. 22), requiring documentary proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in federal elections, passed the House in April 2025 on a largely party-line vote (220-208) and remains pending before the Senate. Senate Democrats are expected to filibuster or block the bill, framing citizenship verification as voter suppression. No Senate Democrat has publicly indicated support. Coons has not made a specific public statement on the SAVE Act but is expected to vote with his caucus to block it. No Senate floor action is currently scheduled for Monday.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz strongly supports the SAVE Act and believes only U.S. citizens should vote in U.S. elections — a position most Americans share. He opposes Senate Democrat efforts to block or filibuster the bill, viewing their resistance as a choice to protect a broken system over basic election integrity. Coons' expected alignment with his caucus to block citizenship verification puts him on the wrong side of common-sense election security.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz strongly supports the SAVE Act — only U.S. citizens should vote in U.S. elections
- Senate Democrats plan to filibuster basic citizenship verification for voter registration
- Coons hasn't spoken on the SAVE Act, but his caucus alignment tells Delaware voters everything they need to know
- Election integrity is not voter suppression — it's the foundation of democratic legitimacy

- Delaware voters deserve to know: does Coons believe non-citizens should be able to register to vote?

SOURCES: Congress.gov — H.R. 22 · GovTrack — H.R. 22

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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.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Strategic note for Katz: Coons is well-funded and active on national security. Key vulnerabilities: Iran war posture, DOGE/government spending debate, ICE oversight bill, healthcare policy (Katz's home turf as a physician). This week's messaging priority: Coons' legislative ineffectiveness (zero bills advancing), silence on Delaware business climate (ExxonMobil redomiciliation now nearly four weeks), and the SAVE Act filibuster positioning. Dr. Katz's physician background and Delaware State Senate legislative record provide credible contrast on healthcare, government reform, and fiscal responsibility.

• TALKING POINTS

- Coons is a 15-year incumbent with a messaging portfolio but a thin results portfolio
- Dr. Katz's physician background gives him unique credibility on healthcare — Coons' weakest flank
- The DOGE debate is a key contrast: Coons opposes all reform; Dr. Katz supports targeted restructuring
- Delaware's business climate erosion is an emerging issue Coons is ignoring
- Primary messaging should begin consolidating Republican voters around Katz's proven legislative record

SOURCES: GovTrack — Sen. Coons Profile · Dr. Mike Katz Campaign

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