

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

TOP STORY

LEGISLATIVE EFFECTIVENESS / OVERSIGHT **UPDATED**

Coons' March Legislative Output Hits Five-Day Wall — Four Bills, Zero Cosponsors, Zero Committee Action

As the Senate enters its Tuesday session, all four bills Sen. Coons introduced in March 2026 remain parked in committee with no hearings scheduled, no cosponsors reported, and no markup activity. S. 4144 (credit repair regulation) and S. 4145 (copyright/open law) mark five days in Banking and Judiciary respectively; S. 4089 (Blue Envelope Act) has sat in Judiciary for twelve days; and S. 4011 (tropical forest/coral reef conservation) enters its twentieth day in Foreign Relations with no movement. This pattern raises questions about whether Coons' legislative activity is designed for substantive impact or messaging positioning ahead of a competitive 2026 cycle.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz believes legislation should solve problems, not generate press releases. Per his record in the Delaware State Senate — where he authored and passed the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway legislation (SB 241), restructured the DHIN into a self-sustaining public-private partnership, and introduced comprehensive lobby reform (SB 141) — Dr. Katz has a track record of getting results rather than parking bills in committee. Campaign messaging should highlight Coons' pattern of introducing bills with no coalition-building strategy as evidence of a career senator more focused on positioning than governing.

• TALKING POINTS

- Four bills introduced in March, zero cosponsors recruited, zero committee hearings — that's not legislating, that's press release padding
- In the Delaware State Senate, Dr. Katz actually passed legislation — the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway Act, DHIN restructuring, lobby reform — because he built coalitions instead of issuing statements
- After 16 years in the Senate, Coons should know how to get a bill through committee — unless getting it through committee was never the point
- Delaware deserves a senator who measures success by laws passed, not bills filed

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

FY2027 Defense Budget Hearing Series — Week Two Underway; Coons Expected to Sustain Anti-DOGE Messaging From Ranking Member Position

The Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee resumes FY2027 budget hearings Tuesday as the second full week of testimony gets underway. Ranking Member Coons spent the prior week building a public narrative that DOGE-driven efficiency reviews threaten military readiness and defense procurement timelines. Staff should monitor whether Coons uses Tuesday's hearing to introduce specific claims about DOGE impacts on Delaware-based defense assets, particularly at Dover AFB. No public hearing witness list has been confirmed for Tuesday as of brief preparation time.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports a strong national defense and fiscal responsibility simultaneously — per his platform commitment to 'fiscal responsibility' and his Delaware State Senate record of proposing a Five Year Plan to Restructure and Reorganize State Government. Dr. Katz believes efficiency reviews of defense spending strengthen rather than weaken the military, and that opposing all oversight of Pentagon waste is not the same as supporting the troops. Campaign messaging should note that Coons' reflexive opposition to any spending review protects bureaucratic bloat, not warfighters.

• TALKING POINTS

- Supporting our military means making sure every defense dollar goes to readiness and capability — not bureaucratic waste
- Dr. Katz proposed restructuring Delaware state government for efficiency (Five Year Plan legislation) — he believes the same discipline should apply to Pentagon spending
- Coons opposes DOGE reviews of defense spending — but who benefits from zero accountability over a \$900 billion budget?
- Defending waste is not the same as defending America
- Dover AFB deserves maximum investment in mission-critical infrastructure — not bloated overhead that diverts resources from the front line

SOURCES: Senate Appropriations Committee · C-SPAN — Senate hearings † INDEX

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION / DELAWARE

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

Military construction budget justification documents for Dover Air Force Base are now available for detailed staff review as the second week of FY2027 hearings begins. Dover AFB, home to the 436th and 437th Airlift Wings and the Charles C. Carson Center for Mortuary Affairs, is a critical national defense asset and Delaware's largest military installation. Staff should identify any MILCON line items for Dover in the FY2027 President's Budget request and compare against prior-year funding levels to assess whether the Administration is maintaining investment in Dover's infrastructure.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports robust funding for Dover AFB as essential to both national defense and Delaware's economy — per his platform commitment to strong defense and veterans' support. Campaign messaging should position Dr. Katz as ready to fight for Dover AFB funding on the merits while noting that Coons' opposition to broader defense efficiency reviews could ultimately jeopardize the credibility of targeted funding requests for installations like Dover.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dover AFB is a crown jewel of American airlift capability — Dr. Katz supports full funding for its mission and infrastructure
- Delaware's military installations deserve a senator who fights for targeted investment, not one who opposes all defense oversight
- Per his veterans platform, Dr. Katz believes military infrastructure investments also benefit the communities and families that surround them
- Every dollar wasted on Pentagon bureaucracy is a dollar not invested in Dover AFB readiness

SOURCES: Senate Appropriations Committee · Dover Air Force Base — official site INDEX

DEFENSE / BORDER SECURITY

[STAFF VERIFY] Coons Statements on National Guard Border Deployment — No Confirmed Public Position Through Day 15 of Tracking

Staff has been tracking for over two 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 at the southern border. No confirmed public position has been identified. Coons' silence on this topic is notable given his Appropriations and Judiciary Committee seats, both of which have jurisdiction over border security funding and immigration enforcement. Staff should continue daily monitoring of Coons' official channels.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong border security and robust ICE enforcement — per his platform commitment to 'secure borders/strong ICE enforcement.' Coons' two-week silence on the National Guard border deployment suggests he is unwilling to publicly support a policy most Americans favor or unwilling to publicly oppose it and reveal his position to Delaware voters. Campaign messaging should frame the silence as a pattern: Coons avoids taking positions on border security while quietly voting against enforcement measures.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Two weeks of silence on National Guard border deployment — Delaware deserves to know where their senator stands
- Dr. Katz supports using every lawful tool to secure the border, including National Guard deployment
- Coons won't say whether he supports or opposes the deployment — that silence tells you everything
- A senator on both Appropriations and Judiciary who won't weigh in on border security isn't being careful — he's being political

SOURCES: [Coons.senate.gov - press releases](https://www.coons.senate.gov/press-releases) · [Senate Judiciary Committee](#) † [INDEX](#)

RECENT LEGISLATION

CONSUMER PROTECTION / BANKING **UPDATED**

S. 4144 — Credit Repair Organizations Act Amendments — Five 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 fifth day in the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee with no cosponsors, no hearing scheduled, and no markup activity. The bill's full text has not been widely analyzed yet. Staff should review whether the bill imposes new compliance burdens on small credit repair businesses that could affect Delaware's financial services sector.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports consumer protection but opposes regulatory overreach that burdens small businesses — per his platform commitment to 'alleviate regulatory burdens on small businesses and startups.' Campaign messaging should note that additional regulation of the credit repair industry should be evaluated for its impact on small operators, not just large firms, and that Coons' reflexive regulatory approach often harms the small businesses he claims to support.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Consumer protection matters — but so does making sure new regulations don't crush small businesses trying to help people rebuild their credit
- Per his economy platform, Dr. Katz believes regulatory policy should be evaluated for real-world impact on small businesses, not just good intentions
- Coons introduces a bill with no cosponsors and no coalition — that's not serious legislating
- Delaware's financial services sector needs a senator who understands both consumer protection and business competitiveness

SOURCES: Congress.gov — S. 4144

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COPYRIGHT / GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY **UPDATED**

S. 4145 — Works Incorporated by Reference into Law (Copyright/Open Access) — Five 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 fifth day in the Senate Judiciary Committee. No cosponsors have been announced. The bill addresses a narrow but legitimate issue — citizens being required to comply with laws that reference copyrighted standards documents they must pay to access. Staff should monitor whether any industry groups (standards bodies, publishers) file formal opposition.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports government transparency — per his Delaware State Senate record of introducing live streaming of the State Senate (SR 14), open redistricting (SR 9), and comprehensive lobby reform (SB 141). Campaign messaging can acknowledge this as a reasonable transparency concept while noting that Coons' inability to attract a single cosponsor in five days suggests poor legislative strategy even on a bipartisan-friendly topic.

• TALKING POINTS

- Government transparency is a principle Dr. Katz championed in the Delaware State Senate — live streaming, open redistricting, lobby reform
- If Coons can't find one cosponsor for a transparency bill in five days, that's a leadership problem
- Americans shouldn't have to pay to read the laws they're required to follow — but filing a bill with no coalition isn't how you fix that
- Dr. Katz has a proven record of passing transparency legislation, not just introducing it

SOURCES: Congress.gov — S. 4145

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

Coons' Blue Envelope Act (S. 4089), introduced March 12, has now been in the Senate Judiciary Committee for twelve days with no committee action, no hearing scheduled, and no publicly announced cosponsors. The bill would authorize DOJ grants for state and local programs that help law enforcement identify and safely interact with individuals with autism and other disabilities during traffic stops. The blue envelope concept has been adopted at the state/local level in several jurisdictions. Staff should verify whether any law enforcement organizations have endorsed the bill.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports first responders and law enforcement — per his platform commitment to solving 'problems faced by our first responders, including staffing and pay deficits, equipment and resource shortages, physical and mental health needs.' As a physician, Dr. Katz also understands the unique challenges of interacting with individuals with autism and other disabilities. Campaign messaging should note that Dr. Katz supports practical programs to protect both law enforcement and vulnerable individuals, but that Coons' inability to build a coalition around a broadly sympathetic bill reflects his ineffectiveness as a legislator.

• TALKING POINTS

- Protecting both law enforcement and individuals with disabilities during traffic stops is common sense — Dr. Katz supports practical solutions in this space
- As a physician and per his first responders platform, Dr. Katz understands the intersection of public safety and disability awareness
- But twelve days, zero cosponsors — if Coons can't build support for a bipartisan-friendly bill, what exactly is he doing in the Senate?
- Dr. Katz believes in backing first responders with real resources and real action, not messaging bills that go nowhere

S. 4011 — Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Reauthorization — No Movement, Day 20

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 twentieth day with no new cosponsors, no hearing, and no committee action. The bill would reauthorize a program that facilitates debt-for-nature swaps with developing countries — effectively forgiving

foreign debt in exchange for conservation commitments. Staff should track whether this bill gains any traction in Foreign Relations or whether it remains a dead letter.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports environmental stewardship — per his platform commitment to 'clean water and air' and his passage of Delaware's National Scenic Byway legislation (SB 241). However, Dr. Katz believes fiscal responsibility demands scrutiny of programs that forgive foreign debt while American taxpayers face record deficits. Campaign messaging should question why Coons prioritizes forgiving foreign nations' debts over reducing the cost of living for Delawareans.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz supports conservation — he passed Delaware's Scenic Byway legislation — but forgiving foreign debt while Americans struggle with inflation is the wrong priority
- Twenty days in committee, no cosponsors — even Coons' colleagues don't think this is urgent
- Delaware families paying record prices for groceries and housing don't want their senator focused on forgiving developing nations' debts
- Environmental policy should start with clean water and air at home, not debt forgiveness abroad

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](https://www.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 ICE operations. In the context of the Administration's expanded immigration enforcement posture, this bill positions Coons squarely against the current enforcement-first approach that polls show most Americans support.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong ICE enforcement and secure borders — per his core platform positions. Dr. Katz opposes legislative efforts to hamstring ICE with additional bureaucratic reporting requirements designed to slow enforcement operations. Campaign messaging should frame the ICE Accountability Act as what it is: an attempt to handcuff the agency responsible for removing criminal illegal aliens from American communities, introduced by a senator who has never introduced legislation to strengthen border security.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Coons' ICE Accountability Act is designed to slow down immigration enforcement, not strengthen it
- Dr. Katz supports strong ICE enforcement — the agents protecting our communities shouldn't be buried in paperwork
- Six weeks in committee with no cosponsors — even Senate Democrats don't want to co-brand an anti-ICE bill right now
- Delaware families want border security, not bureaucratic handcuffs on the people enforcing immigration law
- Has Coons ever introduced a bill to strengthen border security? Staff should verify — the answer appears to be no

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov/bills/116/3891) — S. 3891 (staff verify exact URL) · Senate Judiciary Committee

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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 Tuesday's session begins — whether the government is operating under a continuing resolution, an enacted omnibus, or individual minibuss packages. If a CR is in effect, identify the expiration date and any upcoming shutdown deadlines. This directly impacts Delaware federal workforce stability, Dover AFB operations tempo, and federal grant disbursements across the state.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports fiscal responsibility and believes government-by-continuing-resolution is a failure of congressional leadership — per his platform commitment to fiscal discipline and his Delaware State Senate record of proposing a Five Year Plan to restructure state government. If the government is operating under a CR, campaign messaging should note that Coons, as a senior Appropriations Committee member, bears direct responsibility for Congress' inability to pass a budget on time.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Government by continuing resolution is government by failure — and senior Appropriations members like Coons own that failure
- Dr. Katz proposed a Five Year Plan to restructure Delaware state government — he believes the federal government deserves the same discipline

- Every day without enacted appropriations means uncertainty for Dover AFB, Delaware's federal workforce, and grant-dependent programs
- After 16 years on the Appropriations Committee, what has Coons done to fix the budget process?

SOURCES: Senate Appropriations Committee · Congress.gov – Appropriations ↑ INDEX

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, VA facilities, and USDA offices. Staff should identify Delaware-specific RIF numbers or early retirement/buyout acceptance rates from OPM or agency-level announcements. Specific numbers are essential for Katz to frame a nuanced position that supports efficiency while demonstrating concern for Delaware workers.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports government efficiency and fiscal responsibility but also supports Delaware's workforce — per his platform commitments to both fiscal discipline and investing in workforce development. Campaign messaging should acknowledge that government efficiency reforms can be disruptive and commit to ensuring Delaware workers are treated fairly during any transition, while noting that Coons' blanket opposition to all efficiency reforms protects bureaucratic bloat at the expense of taxpayers.

• TALKING POINTS

- Government efficiency is necessary — but Delaware's federal workers deserve fair treatment during any transition
- Dr. Katz supports fiscal responsibility and workforce development — both, not one at the expense of the other
- Coons' blanket opposition to any federal workforce reform protects bureaucratic bloat, not workers
- We need Delaware-specific numbers — staff should verify how many Delawareans are actually affected by DOGE-driven RIFs

SOURCES: Coons.senate.gov – press releases · 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 weeks without any public statement addressing this development or broader concerns about Delaware's business competitiveness. Delaware's Chancery Court system and corporate-friendly legal framework have historically been economic assets, but the ExxonMobil move signals that Texas and other states are successfully competing for corporate registrations that were once Delaware's birthright.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports reducing corporate tax burden and incentivizing business investment — per his platform commitment to 'reducing the corporate tax burden, incentivizing business investment' and his Delaware State Senate legislation to repeal Delaware's corporate income tax (SB 100). Campaign messaging should frame Coons' silence on ExxonMobil's choice to bypass Delaware as emblematic of his failure to protect Delaware's core economic competitive advantage after 16 years in the Senate.

• TALKING POINTS

- ExxonMobil chose Texas over Delaware — and our senator hasn't said a word in four weeks
- Dr. Katz introduced legislation to repeal Delaware's corporate income tax (SB 100) because he understands that business competitiveness requires action, not complacency
- Delaware's Chancery Court advantage is eroding and Coons is silent — that's a failure of economic leadership
- When major corporations start bypassing Delaware, every Delawarean's economic future is at stake
- Dr. Katz's platform prioritizes reducing corporate tax burden and incentivizing investment — the opposite of taking Delaware's business climate for granted

SOURCES: Delaware News Journal · Coons.senate.gov — press releases ↑ 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 and net domestic outmigration in some years, potentially driven by rising housing costs, property taxes, and quality-of-life concerns. Updated

data would help Dr. Katz frame a narrative about whether Delaware is gaining or losing residents and why.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz believes Delaware's economic competitiveness and quality of life are declining under the status quo — per his platform focus on homeownership affordability (noting Delaware median home prices surged 53% from 2018 to 2023), education quality, and economic growth. If outmigration data confirms population stagnation or loss, campaign messaging should tie it directly to Coons' 16-year Senate tenure and failure to address root causes like housing affordability and business climate erosion.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Are Delawareans voting with their feet? Updated Census and IRS data will tell us — staff should verify
- Delaware home prices surged 53% in five years — per Dr. Katz's homeownership platform, that's pricing families out of the American Dream
- If people are leaving Delaware, the question is: what has Coons done in 16 years to make the state more affordable and competitive?
- Dr. Katz supports tax incentives for first-time homebuyers and policies to increase affordable housing supply — real solutions for real problems

SOURCES: U.S. Census Bureau · IRS Statistics of Income – Migration Data ↑ INDEX

VETERANS / DELAWARE / HEALTHCARE

Veterans Affairs — Southern Delaware VA Facility Advocacy — Tuesday 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. Tuesday presents an opportunity for Dr. Katz to engage with veteran constituents in southern Delaware on this issue. Staff should monitor whether Coons makes any public announcements or constituent events related to the VA facility this week.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz has called for a VA Advanced Medical Facility in Southern Delaware — per his veterans platform, which specifically identifies the urgent need for 'accessible, advanced medical care services tailored to their unique health challenges' for veterans in Kent and Sussex counties. As a physician with over forty years in healthcare, Dr. Katz brings unique credibility to this issue. Campaign messaging should position Dr. Katz as the candidate with both the healthcare expertise and the specific policy commitment to deliver advanced VA care to southern Delaware — not just advocacy, but a concrete plan rooted in clinical knowledge.

- **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz's veterans platform specifically calls for a VA Advanced Medical Facility in southern Delaware — that's not rhetoric, it's a commitment
- As a physician with 40+ years in healthcare, Dr. Katz understands what veterans in Kent and Sussex counties actually need — specialized care closer to home
- Coons has advocated — but after 16 years, southern Delaware veterans are still driving hours for specialty care
- Dr. Katz brings medical expertise to veterans' healthcare policy that a career politician simply cannot match

SOURCES: [Coons.senate.gov](https://www.coons.senate.gov) - veterans · [VA.gov](https://www.va.gov)

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FOREIGN POLICY & DIPLOMACY

WAR POWERS / IRAN / FOREIGN RELATIONS

Iran War Powers Debate — 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 floor vote has been scheduled as of Tuesday. Coons has used his Foreign Relations Committee seat to press for additional constraints on executive military authority, framing it as congressional prerogative. The resolution remains a caucus messaging vehicle for Senate Democrats seeking to limit the Administration's flexibility on Iran.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong Commander-in-Chief authority and believes that tying the President's hands on Iran through preemptive War Powers restrictions endangers American national security — per his platform commitment to strong defense and Commander-in-Chief authority. Campaign messaging should frame Coons' position as signaling to Iran that America's leadership is divided, weakening deterrence at the worst possible time.

- **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz supports the President's authority as Commander-in-Chief to protect American lives and interests — especially against Iranian threats
- Coons' push to constrain military authority on Iran signals division to our adversaries and weakens deterrence
- The Constitution makes the President Commander-in-Chief for a reason — decisive action, not committee deliberation, keeps Americans safe

- Iran's regime watches Washington closely — Coons' War Powers push tells them America is divided
- Dr. Katz believes in peace through strength, not peace through congressional paralysis

SOURCES: Senate Foreign Relations Committee · Coons.senate.gov — press releases

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GOVERNMENT REFORM / FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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

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 diplomacy and development capacity. No new floor action or committee hearing on this topic has been scheduled for Tuesday. Coons has framed these cuts as hollowing out American soft power, particularly in regions where China and Russia are expanding their influence. Staff should monitor whether Coons introduces any legislative vehicle to block or reverse the USAID/State Department RIFs.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports fiscal responsibility in all government agencies, including State and USAID — per his platform commitment to fiscal discipline. Dr. Katz believes that America's diplomatic corps should be efficient, mission-focused, and accountable to taxpayers, not an untouchable bureaucracy immune from the same efficiency reviews applied to every other government function. Campaign messaging should note that Coons' defense of unreformed foreign affairs spending reflects his prioritization of the Washington establishment over Delaware taxpayers.

• TALKING POINTS

- Every government agency should be subject to efficiency review — the State Department and USAID are not exceptions
- Dr. Katz supports fiscal responsibility across all government functions, per his platform and his Delaware State Senate restructuring proposals
- Coons calls efficiency reviews 'reckless' — but what's truly reckless is spending taxpayer money without accountability
- America's diplomatic strength comes from focused, effective agencies — not bloated bureaucracies

SOURCES: Coons.senate.gov — press releases · Senate Foreign Relations Committee

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UKRAINE / FOREIGN AID

[STAFF VERIFY] Ukraine Supplemental Aid — Tuesday 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 the Administration has submitted a new request, or whether Coons has made any new public statements on Ukraine aid this week. This remains an area where Coons can claim bipartisan credibility, as some Senate Republicans also support Ukraine funding, making it a less clean contrast for Katz.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Campaign messaging on Ukraine should be carefully calibrated. Dr. Katz supports strong defense and American leadership but should frame any Ukraine position around accountability, burden-sharing with European allies, and ensuring American taxpayer funds are properly tracked — per his platform commitment to fiscal responsibility. Avoid blanket opposition to Ukraine aid; instead emphasize transparency, allied burden-sharing, and prioritizing American security interests.

• TALKING POINTS

- Any American aid to Ukraine must come with full accountability and transparency for taxpayer funds
- European allies must carry their fair share of the burden — American taxpayers shouldn't be the only ones writing checks
- Dr. Katz supports strong defense and American leadership — but fiscal responsibility demands that every aid dollar is tracked and justified
- Staff should verify current status of any new supplemental request before finalizing public messaging

SOURCES: Senate Foreign Relations Committee · Senate Appropriations Committee

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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 oppose or filibuster the bill, framing it as voter suppression targeting minority communities. No Senate Democrat has publicly indicated support for the bill. Coons has not made a specific public statement on the

SAVE Act, but as a loyal caucus member is expected to vote with his party to block it. No Senate floor vote has been scheduled as of Tuesday.

⚡ **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 regardless of party. Dr. Katz opposes Senate Democrat efforts to block or filibuster the bill, calling their resistance a choice to protect a broken system over basic election integrity. Campaign messaging should force Coons to take a public position: does he support requiring proof of citizenship to vote, yes or no?

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz strongly supports the SAVE Act — only U.S. citizens should vote in U.S. elections, period
- Senate Democrats plan to block a bill that simply requires proof of citizenship to register to vote — what are they protecting?
- Coons hasn't taken a public position on the SAVE Act — Delaware voters deserve a straight answer
- Most Americans — Republican, Democrat, and Independent — support basic citizenship verification for voting
- Opposing the SAVE Act means opposing election integrity — Dr. Katz believes that's indefensible

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 priority: hammer the zero-cosponsor, zero-committee-action pattern on Coons' March legislation to build the 'all

talk, no results' narrative. Secondary priority: continue forcing Coons to take a public position on the SAVE Act and National Guard border deployment.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- 16 years in the Senate — what has Coons actually delivered for Delaware?
- Dr. Katz brings real-world experience: physician, business owner, former state senator who passed legislation
- Coons' March legislative record: four bills, zero cosponsors, zero committee hearings — that tells you everything
- Delaware needs a senator who solves problems, not one who issues press releases
- Primary focus: win September 15, then present Delaware voters with a clear choice in November

SOURCES: [GovTrack](#) — [Sen. Coons profile](#) · [Dr. Mike Katz for Senate](#) † [INDEX](#)

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