

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

TOP STORY

LEGISLATIVE EFFECTIVENESS / OVERSIGHT **UPDATED**

Coons' March Legislative Output Hits One-Week Wall — Four Bills, Zero Cosponsors, Zero Committee Movement

As the Senate convenes Wednesday, all four bills Sen. Coons introduced in March 2026 remain stalled in committee with no cosponsors, no hearings scheduled, and no markup activity. S. 4144 (credit repair, Banking Committee — Day 6), S. 4145 (copyright/open law, Judiciary — Day 6), S. 4089 (Blue Envelope Act, Judiciary — Day 13), and S. 4011 (Tropical Forest/Coral Reef, Foreign Relations — Day 20) have collectively generated zero legislative momentum. This pattern extends the broader trend: Coons' ICE Accountability Act (S. 3891) is now entering its seventh week in Judiciary with no action. After nearly 15 years in the Senate, Coons continues to introduce legislation that garners no bipartisan support and no committee traction.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz believes effective legislating requires building coalitions and delivering results, not press releases. Drawing on his Delaware State Senate record — where he authored and passed the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway legislation (SB 241), restructured DHIN into a self-sufficient public-private partnership, and introduced comprehensive lobby reform (SB 141) — Dr. Katz has a track record of legislation that actually moved. Coons' pattern of introducing bills with zero cosponsors after 15 years raises questions about his effectiveness for Delaware.

• TALKING POINTS

- Four bills introduced in March, zero cosponsors on any of them — after 15 years in the Senate, Coons can't find a single colleague to back his priorities
- Dr. Katz passed real legislation in the Delaware State Senate including the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway bill and DHIN restructuring — results, not messaging
- The ICE Accountability Act is now entering week seven with no action — Coons prioritizes headlines over outcomes
- Delaware deserves a Senator who builds coalitions, not one who files bills into a void
- Coons' legislative effectiveness problem isn't new — it's a pattern that shortchanges Delaware

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

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

The Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee continues FY2027 budget hearings Wednesday as week two progresses. Ranking Member Coons has used prior hearing sessions to build a public narrative framing DOGE-driven efficiency initiatives as threats to military readiness and defense workforce stability. Staff should monitor Wednesday's hearing schedule for specific witness testimony and any Coons questioning that targets DOGE operations within DoD. Coons' consistent framing positions DOGE as a threat rather than engaging with legitimate waste reduction — a posture that may leave him vulnerable on fiscal responsibility messaging.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong defense spending and fiscal responsibility simultaneously — per his economy platform, he believes in reducing wasteful government spending while investing in core national priorities. Dr. Katz supports DOGE-style efficiency reviews as consistent with his Delaware State Senate record of proposing government restructuring (his legislation establishing an independent council to develop a five-year plan to restructure and reorganize state government). Opposing waste identification in the Pentagon is not defending troops — it's defending bureaucracy.

• TALKING POINTS

- Supporting defense doesn't mean supporting waste — Dr. Katz's government restructuring legislation in the Delaware Senate proves he's serious about efficiency
- Coons frames every spending cut as a crisis — that's how we got a \$36 trillion national debt
- Dr. Katz supports robust defense funding for Dover AFB and our military — and accountability for every tax dollar spent
- A physician manages operating rooms with precision and efficiency — Dr. Katz brings that same mindset to government spending
- Coons uses the Ranking Member seat to protect bureaucracy, not to protect troops

SOURCES: Senate Appropriations Committee · C-SPAN

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DEFENSE / BORDER SECURITY

[STAFF VERIFY] Coons Statements on National Guard Border Deployment — No Confirmed Public Position Through Day 16 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 to the southern border. As of Wednesday morning, no confirmed public position from Coons has been identified. His silence on a major defense and border security deployment — while serving as Defense Appropriations Ranking Member — is notable. Staff should check Coons' official channels, floor remarks, and any committee transcripts from Tuesday's session for any new statements.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong border security and robust ICE enforcement, per his platform. As Defense Appropriations Ranking Member, Coons' silence on a major National Guard deployment is either tactical avoidance of an issue where Delaware voters disagree with him, or indifference to a core defense mission. Either way, Dr. Katz believes Delaware deserves a Senator who takes clear positions on border security rather than hiding behind silence.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Over two weeks of silence from the Defense Appropriations Ranking Member on a major National Guard deployment — where does Coons stand?
- Dr. Katz supports secure borders and strong ICE enforcement — no ambiguity, no dodging
- Coons is vocal about DOGE and foreign aid but silent on defending America's own border
- If the Ranking Member on Defense won't take a position on border deployments, he's not doing his job
- Delaware families deserve a Senator who speaks clearly on national security — not one who calculates which positions are politically safe

SOURCES: [Coons.senate.gov](https://www.coons.senate.gov) · [Senate Appropriations Committee](#)

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RECENT LEGISLATION

CONSUMER PROTECTION / BANKING

S. 4144 — Credit Repair Organizations Act Amendments — Day 6 in Banking Committee, No Cosponsors

Coons' S. 4144, introduced March 19 to amend the Credit Repair Organizations Act with additional industry protections, enters its sixth day in the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee with no cosponsors and no committee action. The bill adds consumer protections against harmful credit repair organization practices. Without a single cosponsor —

including from fellow Banking Committee members — the bill's path forward remains unclear at best.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports consumer protection but believes overregulation can harm the very consumers it aims to protect, per his economy platform emphasis on alleviating regulatory burdens on small businesses. If credit repair organizations face new compliance costs, those costs may be passed to the consumers who can least afford them. Dr. Katz believes consumer protection legislation should be developed with bipartisan support and industry input — not introduced without a single cosponsor.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Consumer protection should be bipartisan — Coons couldn't find one colleague to cosponsor this bill
- Dr. Katz supports protecting consumers while ensuring regulations don't price working families out of the services they need
- More regulation without coalition-building is just messaging — not governing
- Six days in committee, zero cosponsors — this is Coons' legislative pattern

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) — S. 4144

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S. 4145 — Works Incorporated by Reference into Law (Copyright/Open Access) — Day 6 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 sixth day in the Senate Judiciary Committee. No cosponsors have been announced. The bill would require that copyrighted standards incorporated into law be made publicly accessible. While the open-access principle has merit, the bill's lack of any cosponsor support suggests Coons has not built the necessary coalition to advance it.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports government transparency — consistent with his Delaware State Senate record of authoring live streaming legislation (SR 14) and open redistricting processes (SR 9). The principle of making laws accessible to the public is sound, but effective transparency reform requires bipartisan buy-in. Dr. Katz's proven record of actually passing transparency measures in Delaware contrasts with Coons' pattern of introducing bills that go nowhere.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz passed live streaming of the Delaware State Senate (SR 14) and open redistricting (SR 9) — he delivers transparency, not just talks about it
- Coons introduces a transparency bill with zero cosponsors — who is he trying to convince?
- Government openness requires coalition-building, not solo press releases
- After 15 years, Coons still can't find partners for straightforward transparency legislation

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

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JUDICIARY / LAW ENFORCEMENT / DISABILITY RIGHTS

S. 4089 — Blue Envelope Act — Day 13 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 thirteen days with no committee action, no hearing scheduled, and no publicly announced cosponsors. The Blue Envelope concept — where drivers display a blue envelope on their vehicle to signal a disability — has been adopted in some states at the local level. The bill's extended stall without any cosponsor is notable given the issue's broadly sympathetic nature.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports first responders and law enforcement, per his first responders platform, and as a physician with pediatric critical care training, he understands the needs of individuals with disabilities. Legislation supporting safe interactions between law enforcement and disabled individuals should attract broad bipartisan support — the fact that Coons can't secure a single cosponsor for such an uncontroversial bill after nearly two weeks speaks to his diminished effectiveness in the Senate.

• TALKING POINTS

- Supporting law enforcement and protecting disabled individuals should be bipartisan — why can't Coons find one cosponsor?
- Dr. Katz's first responder platform and medical background make him a natural advocate for these issues — with the credibility to build coalitions
- Thirteen days, no action, no cosponsors on a bill that should be easy — this is the Coons pattern
- As a pediatric-trained physician, Dr. Katz has spent decades working with vulnerable patients — he brings expertise, not just talking points

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 — Day 20, No Movement

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 developments. No cosponsors, no hearing, and no markup have been announced. The bill authorizes debt-for-nature swaps allowing developing countries to redirect debt payments toward conservation. In the current fiscal environment — with historic national debt and active debate over foreign aid spending — the bill's prospects appear dim.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports environmental stewardship grounded in science and fiscal responsibility, per his energy and environment platform. Dr. Katz authored Delaware's Scenic Byway legislation (SB 241) to protect local landscapes. But authorizing debt-for-nature swaps for foreign countries while America faces \$36 trillion in national debt reflects misplaced priorities. Dr. Katz believes conservation should start at home and that foreign aid programs must be justified against domestic needs.

• TALKING POINTS

- Twenty days in committee with zero support — even Coons' Foreign Relations colleagues won't sign on
- Dr. Katz supports environmental conservation — he passed Delaware's Scenic Byway legislation to protect local landscapes
- Debt-for-nature swaps for foreign countries while America is \$36 trillion in debt? That's Coons' priority list
- Conservation starts at home — protect Delaware's beaches and open spaces before sending conservation dollars overseas

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 7

Coons' ICE Accountability Act (S. 3891), introduced February 12, enters its seventh week stalled in the Senate Judiciary Committee with no new cosponsors or committee action. The bill would impose additional oversight, reporting, and operational restrictions on Immigration and Customs Enforcement. In a Senate controlled by Republicans who broadly support ICE's enforcement mission, the bill has no realistic path forward — raising the question of whether Coons introduced it as legislation or as a messaging vehicle for his base.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz strongly supports ICE and robust immigration enforcement, per his platform on secure borders and strong ICE enforcement. Coons' ICE Accountability Act seeks to hamstring the very agency responsible for enforcing immigration law at a time when border security is a top voter concern. Seven weeks with no cosponsor confirms this is political theater, not serious legislation. Dr. Katz believes ICE agents deserve support, not additional bureaucratic burdens imposed by Washington politicians.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Seven weeks, zero cosponsors — Coons' anti-ICE bill is dead on arrival and he knows it
- Dr. Katz supports strong ICE enforcement and secure borders — full stop
- Coons wants to add red tape to immigration enforcement while the border remains a crisis
- ICE agents risk their lives to enforce the law — they deserve support, not Senate Democrats trying to tie their hands
- This bill tells you everything about Coons' priorities: restrict enforcement, not illegal crossings

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) · [Coons.senate.gov](https://www.coons.senate.gov)

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APPROPRIATIONS & DELAWARE FUNDING

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION / DELAWARE

Dover AFB FY2027 Military Construction — Budget Justification Document Review Continues

Military construction budget justification documents for Dover Air Force Base continue to be available for detailed staff review as the second week of FY2027 hearings proceeds. Dover AFB, home to the 436th and 512th Airlift Wings and the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System, is Delaware's most significant federal military installation. Staff should be identifying any proposed MILCON projects, facility upgrades, or infrastructure investments that Coons will seek to claim credit for — and preparing Dr. Katz to acknowledge bipartisan support for Dover while pivoting to broader defense and fiscal messaging.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports Dover Air Force Base and all Delaware military installations, per his veterans and defense platform. Dover AFB investment is a bipartisan Delaware priority that Dr. Katz can and should champion. The contrast opportunity is framing: Coons supports Dover AFB funding while simultaneously backing DOGE obstruction and ICE restrictions that undermine the broader defense and security missions Dover supports.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dover AFB is a bipartisan Delaware priority — Dr. Katz will always fight for our military installations
- Supporting Dover while opposing defense efficiency reforms and ICE enforcement is contradictory — Coons can't have it both ways
- Dr. Katz's veterans platform calls for a VA advanced medical facility in southern Delaware — that's additive to Dover's mission
- Delaware's military community deserves consistent support, not selective advocacy based on political convenience

SOURCES: Senate Appropriations Committee · Dover Air Force Base (Official)

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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 Wednesday's session begins — whether the government is operating under a continuing resolution, an enacted omnibus, or individual minibus packages. The funding status directly affects Delaware federal installations, contractors, and workforce. If a CR remains in effect, this creates a contrast opportunity: Coons' party and Senate caucus have been obstacles to timely appropriations for years, creating uncertainty for Delaware's federal workforce and military community.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports fiscal responsibility and timely budgeting, per his economy platform. Governing by continuing resolution is a failure of the Senate's most basic responsibility. If Coons — a senior Appropriations Committee member — cannot deliver timely funding bills, that raises fundamental questions about his effectiveness for Delaware's federal workforce and military installations.

• TALKING POINTS

- Continuing resolutions are governance by autopilot — Delaware's federal workers deserve better
- Coons sits on Appropriations and can't deliver timely budgets — what is he doing there?
- Dr. Katz supports fiscal discipline and on-time budgeting — basic competence, not a high bar
- Every CR means delayed projects, frozen hiring, and uncertainty for Dover AFB and Delaware's federal workforce

SOURCES: Senate Appropriations Committee · Congress.gov

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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 may be eroding. As of Wednesday, Coons has made no public statement addressing Delaware's business competitiveness or the broader trend of major corporations choosing Texas over Delaware for incorporation. This silence from a sitting senator whose state's economy depends significantly on corporate franchise fees and legal services is conspicuous entering its fourth week.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports reducing the corporate tax burden and incentivizing business investment, per his economy platform and his Delaware State Senate legislation to repeal Delaware's corporate income tax (SB 100). When a Fortune 10 company chooses Texas over Delaware, that's an alarm bell — and Coons' silence suggests he either doesn't understand the threat or doesn't have a plan to address it. Dr. Katz believes Delaware must actively compete for business, not coast on a reputation that's eroding.

• 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) — he understands how to compete for business
- Delaware's corporate franchise is the economic engine of the state — losing that advantage threatens every taxpayer
- Coons talks about foreign aid and coral reefs while Delaware's business brand deteriorates
- Dr. Katz's economy platform prioritizes reducing corporate tax burdens and incentivizing investment — exactly what Delaware needs

SOURCES: Delaware Division of Corporations · Coons.senate.gov † INDEX

[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 net outmigration among working-age residents and retirees being offset partially by international immigration. If

new data is available, it should be analyzed for messaging on Delaware's economic competitiveness and quality of life under long-term Democratic governance.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz believes Delaware's quality of life and economic competitiveness are interconnected, per his homeownership and economy platforms. When working families leave Delaware because of high costs, stagnant wages, and diminished opportunity, that's a failure of leadership. Dr. Katz's platform addresses root causes — education, workforce development, homeownership affordability, and small business growth — rather than offering talking points about issues happening thousands of miles away.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- If Delawareans are leaving the state, that's a verdict on decades of Democratic governance
- Dr. Katz's platform addresses the kitchen-table issues driving outmigration — housing, jobs, education, cost of living
- Delaware's median home price surged 53% from 2018-2023 — per Dr. Katz's homeownership platform, working families are being priced out
- Coons focuses on foreign policy while Delaware families focus on whether they can afford to stay

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 IRS Wilmington campus, USDA facilities, and VA medical centers. Staff should verify whether specific Delaware-impact numbers from DOGE-driven RIFs have been published by OPM, agency announcements, or Delaware media outlets. Quantified local impact data is essential for calibrating Katz's messaging — supporting efficiency while showing concern for affected Delaware workers.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports government efficiency and restructuring, per his Delaware State Senate legislation establishing an independent council for government reorganization. However, Dr. Katz believes efficiency reforms must be implemented responsibly with attention to affected workers and communities. The contrast is nuanced: Coons opposes all efficiency measures reflexively, while Dr. Katz supports smart reforms that reduce waste without

blindsiding workers. Staff should develop specific messaging once Delaware impact numbers are confirmed.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz supports smart government reform — he introduced government restructuring legislation in the Delaware State Senate
- Opposing all efficiency efforts is how we got a \$36 trillion debt — Coons' reflexive opposition isn't leadership
- Delaware's federal workers deserve a plan, not just obstruction from Coons or disruption without transition support
- Dr. Katz believes government should be efficient AND responsible to its workforce — both, not either/or

SOURCES: [OPM.gov](https://www.opm.gov) · [Coons.senate.gov](https://www.coons.senate.gov)

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VETERANS / DELAWARE / HEALTHCARE

Veterans Affairs — Southern Delaware VA Facility Advocacy — Wednesday 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. Wednesday presents another constituent outreach opportunity to engage with Delaware's veteran community on this shared priority. Dr. Katz's veterans platform explicitly calls for a VA advanced medical facility in southern Delaware, making this an area of alignment where Katz can demonstrate independent leadership rather than merely echoing Coons.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz's veterans platform specifically calls for a VA advanced medical facility in southern Delaware to address the healthcare access challenges faced by veterans in Kent and Sussex counties. As a physician with decades of healthcare system experience — including managing surgical facilities and advising health systems — Dr. Katz brings operational expertise that Coons simply cannot match. On this issue, Dr. Katz should lead, not follow.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz's veterans platform calls for an advanced VA facility in southern Delaware — he was on this before Coons
- As a physician, Dr. Katz understands healthcare facility operations — he's managed surgical centers and advised health systems
- Kent and Sussex County veterans deserve accessible, advanced medical care — not a 90-minute drive to Wilmington

- Dr. Katz brings 40 years of healthcare expertise to veterans' care — Coons brings talking points

SOURCES: [Coons.senate.gov](https://coons.senate.gov) · [VA.gov](https://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 Wednesday. Coons has argued that the resolution reasserts Congress's constitutional war powers authority; critics argue it telegraphs weakness to adversaries and constrains the Commander-in-Chief's ability to respond to imminent threats. The debate remains active within the Foreign Relations Committee where Coons serves.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong Commander-in-Chief authority, per his defense platform. Telegraphing to Iran that the President's hands are tied is not a strategy — it's an invitation for aggression. Dr. Katz believes the President must retain the flexibility to respond to imminent threats from state sponsors of terrorism without waiting for Senate debate. Coons' position on war powers prioritizes process over American security.

• TALKING POINTS

- Dr. Katz supports the President's authority as Commander-in-Chief to respond to threats from Iran
- Telling Iran the President needs Senate permission to act isn't diplomacy — it's weakness
- Coons prioritizes procedural constraints over the safety of American troops and allies in the Middle East
- The world is more dangerous when adversaries think America's Commander-in-Chief has his hands tied
- Strong deterrence requires credible, flexible military authority — not legislative handcuffs

SOURCES: [Senate Foreign Relations Committee](https://senateforeignrelationscommittee.com) · [Congress.gov](https://congress.gov)

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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 programs. His opposition is consistent with his Foreign Relations Committee role and his long-standing support for robust foreign aid budgets. Entering week three, Coons has not proposed specific alternative efficiencies or cost savings — his position remains blanket opposition to any workforce reductions in these agencies.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports American energy independence and economic competitiveness as the foundation of global influence, per his energy and economy platforms. Diplomacy matters, but bloated foreign affairs bureaucracies are not the only tool of American power. Dr. Katz believes the State Department and USAID should be reformed and right-sized — consistent with his Delaware State Senate record of proposing independent government restructuring councils. Coons' blanket opposition to any reform reveals a status-quo mindset.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Three weeks of blanket opposition and zero alternative proposals — Coons defends bureaucracy, not diplomacy
- Dr. Katz supports government restructuring based on his Delaware Senate legislation — reform isn't reckless, it's responsible
- American global influence comes from economic strength and energy independence, not just foreign aid budgets
- USAID reform doesn't mean abandoning diplomacy — it means making every taxpayer dollar count

SOURCES: [Coons.senate.gov](https://coons.senate.gov) · [Senate Foreign Relations Committee](#)

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UKRAINE / FOREIGN AID

[STAFF VERIFY] Ukraine Supplemental Aid — Wednesday 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 new public statements this week. The Ukraine aid debate intersects with fiscal responsibility messaging and Coons' Foreign Relations/Appropriations dual committee role.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports fiscal responsibility and believes all foreign aid expenditures must be justified against domestic needs, per his economy platform. While Dr. Katz supports American allies, he believes open-ended foreign aid commitments without clear

benchmarks, auditing, and exit strategies are irresponsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars. Coons' enthusiasm for Ukraine spending without equivalent urgency on Delaware's domestic needs is a contrast opportunity.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Every dollar sent overseas is a dollar not invested in Delaware schools, roads, and veterans' care
- Dr. Katz supports allies but demands accountability — clear benchmarks, audits, and exit strategies for foreign aid
- Coons never met a foreign aid bill he didn't love — where's that urgency for southern Delaware's VA facility?
- Fiscal responsibility means prioritizing — something Coons has never demonstrated on foreign spending

SOURCES: Senate Foreign Relations Committee · Coons.senate.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 in the Senate. Senate Democrats are expected to filibuster or otherwise block the bill, framing it 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. Senate Republican leadership has not yet scheduled a floor vote as of Wednesday.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz strongly supports the SAVE Act and believes only U.S. citizens should vote in U.S. elections — a position shared by the overwhelming majority of Americans across party lines. Dr. Katz 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. If Coons votes with his caucus to block citizenship verification for voting, that is a clear, defining contrast with Dr. Katz on an issue where voters overwhelmingly agree with the Republican position.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz supports the SAVE Act — only U.S. citizens should vote in U.S. elections, period

- Polls consistently show 75%+ of Americans support voter citizenship verification — Coons is on the wrong side of the public
- Senate Democrats call citizenship verification 'voter suppression' — most Americans call it common sense
- Coons won't say where he stands, but his caucus membership tells you everything — he'll block the SAVE Act
- Protecting election integrity isn't partisan — it's patriotic. Dr. Katz supports it. Where is Coons?

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), legislative effectiveness (zero cosponsors on March bills), Delaware business climate erosion (ExxonMobil redomiciliation silence now in week four), and the SAVE Act election integrity contrast. The four-week silence on ExxonMobil and Delaware competitiveness is becoming a durable messaging opportunity.

• TALKING POINTS

- Coons' March legislative record: four bills, zero cosponsors, zero movement — after 15 years
- Dr. Katz brings real-world experience: physician, business owner, former state senator with a record of passing legislation
- Key contrast areas: healthcare expertise, border security, fiscal responsibility, Delaware business climate, election integrity
- Coons' committee portfolio is powerful but his output doesn't match — Ranking Member on Defense Appropriations with no position on border deployment
- September 15 primary — Katz team should be building general election contrast infrastructure now

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

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