

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

TOP STORY

LEGISLATIVE EFFECTIVENESS / OVERSIGHT **UPDATED**

Coons' March Legislative Portfolio Hits Day 8+ With Zero Traction — Zero Cosponsors, Zero Hearings, Zero Markup Across All Four Bills

As the Senate heads into the weekend, all four bills Sen. Coons introduced in March 2026 remain stalled in committee with no cosponsors, no scheduled hearings, and no markup activity. S. 4144 (ESCRA Act) has been in Banking Committee for 8 days; S. 4145 (Pro Codes Act) has been in Judiciary for 8 days; S. 4089 (Blue Envelope Act) has been in Judiciary for 15 days; and S. 4011 (Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Reauthorization) has been in Foreign Relations for 22 days. Coons has not publicly discussed any of these bills in floor statements or press releases this week, nor has any committee chair signaled intent to act on them. This marks the end of a full legislative work week — the third consecutive — in which Coons' entire March output has generated zero measurable progress.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz believes Delaware deserves a senator whose legislation moves, not one who files bills that collect dust. Per Dr. Katz's record in the Delaware State Senate — 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) — he has a demonstrated track record of turning bills into law. Coons' zero-cosponsor, zero-hearing March stands in stark contrast to that record of results.

• TALKING POINTS

- Coons has introduced four bills in March — none have a single cosponsor, none have a hearing date, none have moved one inch
- After 16 years in the Senate, Coons can't convince even one colleague to sign on to his own bills
- Dr. Katz passed legislation as a state senator in Dover — the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway bill, DHIN restructuring, lobby reform — real results, not press releases
- Delaware needs a senator who delivers, not one who files bills for the news cycle and moves on
- Coons' legislative effectiveness this month: four bills, zero cosponsors, zero hearings, zero results

DEFENSE & PENTAGON

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

FY2027 Defense Budget Hearing Series — Week Two Closes; Coons Expected to Continue Anti-DOGE Framing as Ranking Member

The Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee wraps up the second week of FY2027 budget hearings Friday. As Ranking Member, Coons has used this hearing cycle to frame DOGE-driven efficiency reviews as threats to military readiness and defense procurement timelines. Staff should verify whether Friday includes any scheduled witness testimony or if the subcommittee is in recess for the weekend. Coons' messaging this week has consistently prioritized opposition to executive-branch cost-cutting over substantive discussion of force structure, modernization, or readiness benchmarks.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong defense and fiscal responsibility simultaneously — per his platform, he believes in a robust military force as essential for preserving global peace and protecting American sovereignty. Unlike Coons, who treats any efficiency review as an attack on the Pentagon, Dr. Katz believes taxpayers deserve accountability in defense spending. As a business owner (per his background), Dr. Katz understands that operational efficiency and mission excellence are not mutually exclusive.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Coons uses his Ranking Member seat to protect bureaucratic bloat, not to protect the warfighter
- Dr. Katz supports a strong military AND fiscal accountability — you can have both
- Coons frames every efficiency proposal as a threat; Dr. Katz sees waste as the real threat to readiness
- Delaware's military installations like Dover AFB deserve a senator who fights for both funding and accountability
- As a business owner, Dr. Katz knows operational efficiency strengthens organizations — it doesn't weaken them

DEFENSE / BORDER SECURITY

[STAFF VERIFY] Coons Statements on National Guard Border Deployment — No Confirmed Public Position Through Day 18 of Tracking

Staff has been tracking for over two and a half 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 Friday morning, no confirmed public position from Coons has been identified. His continued silence on a major national security and border security issue — while actively criticizing DOGE and defense efficiency measures — suggests a deliberate choice to avoid the border debate. Staff should perform a final weekly check of Coons' official channels before closing out the week.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports secure borders and strong ICE enforcement, per his core platform. Coons' 18-day silence on the National Guard border deployment — while finding time to oppose DOGE efficiency reforms and introduce four bills on other topics — reveals his priorities. Dr. Katz believes Delaware families deserve a senator who takes border security seriously, not one who pretends the issue doesn't exist.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- 18 days — that's how long Coons has gone without saying a word about National Guard troops securing our border
- Coons found time to introduce bills on credit repair and copyright law but can't comment on border security
- Dr. Katz supports secure borders and strong ICE enforcement — no silence, no ambiguity
- Delaware communities are affected by fentanyl and illegal immigration — Coons' silence is a disservice
- A senator who won't even acknowledge border deployment isn't leading — he's hiding

SOURCES: [Coons.senate.gov](https://www.coons.senate.gov) · C-SPAN

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RECENT LEGISLATION

CONSUMER PROTECTION / BANKING **UPDATED**

S. 4144 — ESCRA Act (Credit Repair Organizations) — Day 8 in Banking Committee, No Cosponsors

Coons' ESCRA Act, introduced March 19 to amend the Credit Repair Organizations Act, enters its eighth day in the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee with no cosponsors and no committee action. The bill has not been the subject of any Coons floor statement, press release, or social media push this week, suggesting it may have been introduced as a messaging vehicle rather than a serious legislative effort.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports alleviating regulatory burdens on small businesses and promoting consumer-friendly market competition, per his economy platform. Rather than adding new layers of federal regulation to credit repair — an industry already governed by the Credit Repair Organizations Act and FTC enforcement — Dr. Katz believes in streamlining existing consumer protections to work more effectively.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Coons' credit repair bill has zero cosponsors after 8 days — even Democrats aren't interested
- More regulation isn't the answer for consumers struggling with credit — better economic opportunity is
- Dr. Katz supports reducing regulatory burdens and growing the economy so families can build credit through prosperity
- Coons introduces niche regulatory bills; Dr. Katz focuses on the big picture: jobs, wages, affordability

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

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COPYRIGHT / GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY **UPDATED**

S. 4145 — Pro Codes Act of 2026 (Copyright/Open Access) — Day 8 in Judiciary, No Cosponsors

Coons' Pro Codes Act (S. 4145), introduced March 19 to amend Title 17 U.S. Code regarding copyrighted works incorporated by reference into federal law, enters its eighth day in the Senate Judiciary Committee. No cosponsors have signed on and no hearing has been scheduled. The bill addresses the narrow issue of public access to privately authored standards that are incorporated into federal regulations — a technically important but legislatively niche matter that has failed to gain traction.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports government transparency — as demonstrated by his Delaware State Senate resolution requiring live streaming of legislative sessions (SR 14, 146th General Assembly) and his push for open and transparent redistricting (SR 9). While the concept of public access to laws is sound, Coons' inability to attract a single cosponsor to this bill after eight days underscores a broader pattern of legislative ineffectiveness.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz has a proven transparency record — he required live streaming of the Delaware State Senate
- Coons introduces a transparency bill but can't get one colleague to cosponsor it

- Real transparency reform requires coalition-building — something Coons consistently fails to demonstrate
- Dr. Katz also pushed for open redistricting in Delaware — transparency isn't a talking point for him, it's a track record

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](#) — S. 4145

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

S. 4089 — Blue Envelope Act — Day 15 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, enters its fifteenth day in the Senate Judiciary Committee with no action, no hearing, and no publicly confirmed cosponsors. The bill is now past the two-week mark with zero traction. Staff should note this is an issue with potential bipartisan appeal that Coons has failed to build a coalition around.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports first responders and understands disability-related healthcare challenges from his decades as a physician, including his pediatric critical care work at Boston Children's Hospital and Nemours/A.I. duPont. Per his first responders platform, Dr. Katz believes in solving the real problems first responders face. Coons' Blue Envelope bill could have bipartisan support if he invested effort in building it — his failure to attract a single cosponsor in 15 days reflects his approach to legislating: announce, don't execute.

• TALKING POINTS

- The Blue Envelope concept has real merit — but Coons hasn't done the work to build support for it
- As a pediatric trained physician, Dr. Katz has firsthand experience with patients with developmental disabilities and their families
- Dr. Katz supports first responders and believes in equipping them with the training and resources they need
- 15 days, zero cosponsors — Coons treats important issues like press releases, not priorities

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](#) — S. 4089

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ENVIRONMENT / FOREIGN AID **UPDATED**

S. 4011 — Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Reauthorization — Day 22, 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 twenty-second day — now over three full weeks with no new cosponsors, no hearing scheduled, and no committee markup. The bill would reauthorize international conservation programs during a period when Senate Republican leadership has signaled skepticism toward foreign aid spending. Coons has not leveraged his Foreign Relations Committee seat to advance the bill.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports environmental stewardship grounded in science and practical outcomes — per his energy and environment platform, he authored Delaware's National Scenic Byway legislation (SB 241) and supports policies that 'safeguard natural resources including Delaware's beaches and open spaces.' However, Dr. Katz believes foreign conservation spending must be balanced against domestic fiscal priorities. Coons' inability to move this bill after 22 days — even on a committee where he sits — raises questions about whether it was ever intended to pass.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- 22 days stalled — Coons sits on Foreign Relations and still can't get his own bill a hearing
- Dr. Katz authored and passed environmental conservation legislation in Delaware — real results
- Foreign aid conservation programs should demonstrate measurable outcomes before reauthorization
- Coons prioritizes international spending while Delaware families struggle with inflation and housing costs

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 7+

Coons' ICE Accountability Act (S. 3891), introduced February 12, enters its seventh-plus week stalled in the Senate Judiciary Committee with no new cosponsors or committee action. The bill would impose additional reporting requirements and oversight restrictions on Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations. In the context of the Administration's expanded enforcement posture and National Guard border deployment — neither of which Coons has publicly addressed — the bill reads as an attempt to hamstring ICE at precisely the moment the agency is executing its enforcement mission.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong ICE enforcement and secure borders, per his core platform. He opposes legislative efforts that would add bureaucratic burdens to immigration enforcement agencies during a border crisis. While Coons tries to handcuff ICE with new reporting mandates, Dr. Katz believes the agency should be empowered to do its job protecting American communities.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Coons wants to add red tape to ICE while the border crisis demands action, not paperwork
- Dr. Katz supports strong ICE enforcement — no apologies, no asterisks
- Seven weeks and Coons can't get a single cosponsor for his anti-ICE bill — even Democrats are staying away
- Delaware communities are impacted by fentanyl trafficking — weakening ICE is the wrong answer
- Coons won't comment on National Guard border deployment but finds time to try to hamstring ICE

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) — S. 3891

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APPROPRIATIONS & DELAWARE FUNDING

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION / DELAWARE

Dover AFB FY2027 Military Construction — End-of-Week Staff Review Status

Military construction budget justification documents for Dover Air Force Base are available for continued staff review as the second week of FY2027 hearings closes. Dover AFB, home to the 436th and 512th Airlift Wings and the nation's largest aerial port, is a critical military construction priority. Staff should compile a comprehensive list of Dover-specific line items, identify any discrepancies from prior-year funding levels, and prepare talking points for Dr. Katz to credibly engage on Dover AFB investment while contrasting with Coons' focus on DOGE opposition rather than base-level advocacy.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports Dover AFB and believes sustaining a robust military force is essential for national security, per his veterans and defense platform. Dr. Katz can acknowledge bipartisan support for Delaware military funding while pivoting to the point that Coons has spent more hearing time attacking DOGE than advocating for specific Dover AFB construction projects. Delaware's military community deserves a senator focused on their needs, not Washington partisan fights.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dover AFB is Delaware's largest military installation and critical to national airlift capacity
- Dr. Katz supports strong defense funding for Dover — it's a national security priority and a Delaware jobs priority
- Coons uses Defense Appropriations hearings to attack DOGE instead of fighting for Dover-specific projects
- Delaware's military families deserve advocacy, not political theater

SOURCES: Senate Appropriations Committee · Dover AFB Official Site † INDEX

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 Friday's session begins — whether the government is operating under a continuing resolution, an enacted omnibus, or individual minibuss appropriations packages. The funding status directly affects Delaware-specific programs, military construction timelines, and federal workforce certainty. If the government remains on a continuing resolution, this is a messaging opportunity to highlight congressional dysfunction that Coons, as a senior Appropriations Committee member, bears responsibility for.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz believes in fiscal responsibility and getting budgets done on time, per his economy platform. Coons sits on the Appropriations Committee — if the government is still running on a CR six months into the fiscal year, that's a direct indictment of his effectiveness. Per Dr. Katz's experience restructuring Delaware state government operations (his five-year reorganization plan), he understands the damage that budget uncertainty inflicts on organizations and the people they serve.

• TALKING POINTS

- Coons sits on Appropriations — if the government is still on a CR, that's his failure
- Budget uncertainty hurts Delaware federal workers, military families, and small businesses
- Dr. Katz proposed a five-year government restructuring plan in Dover — he understands operational discipline
- Delaware deserves a senator who gets budgets done, not one who lets the process drift

SOURCES: Senate Appropriations Committee · Congress.gov † INDEX

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 into its fourth week as a signal that Delaware's longstanding position as America's premier corporate domicile state is eroding. Coons has issued no statement, held no roundtable, and proposed no legislative or messaging response to the trend of major corporations choosing Texas, Nevada, or other states over Delaware for incorporation. This silence is particularly notable given that Delaware's franchise tax revenue — driven by corporate incorporations — is a critical component of the state's fiscal health.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports reducing the corporate tax burden and incentivizing business investment, per his economy platform — and in the Delaware State Senate, he introduced legislation to repeal Delaware's corporate income tax (SB 100, 146th General Assembly) specifically to make the state more competitive. Coons' four weeks of silence while major corporations look past Delaware speaks to a career politician's disconnect from the economic engine that supports Delaware's budget and quality of life.

• TALKING POINTS

- ExxonMobil chose Texas over Delaware — and Coons hasn't said a word in four weeks
- Dr. Katz introduced legislation to repeal Delaware's corporate income tax to keep businesses competitive
- Delaware's franchise tax revenue depends on being the nation's corporate home — that status is slipping
- Coons focuses on international conservation and credit repair while Delaware's business brand erodes
- A physician-business owner like Dr. Katz understands competitive markets — career politicians don't

[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 than peer mid-Atlantic states, with net outmigration of higher-income residents to states with lower tax burdens and lower cost of living. If new data

confirms continued outmigration, this provides a powerful contrast point on Delaware's competitiveness and quality of life under Coons' 16-year tenure.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz believes Delaware must be competitive in attracting and retaining residents and businesses, per his economy and homeownership platforms. Delaware's median home price surged 53% from 2018 to 2023 (per Katz's homeownership platform data), pricing out working families. If outmigration data confirms people are leaving, it's an indictment of 16 years of Coons' representation — a period during which he focused on Washington priorities while Delaware's affordability and competitiveness declined.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- People vote with their feet — if they're leaving Delaware, that's a failure of leadership
- Home prices up 53% in five years while wages stagnate — that's the Delaware Coons built
- Dr. Katz supports tax reform, homeownership incentives, and economic growth to keep Delawareans in Delaware
- Coons' priorities are international — Dr. Katz's priorities are local

SOURCES: U.S. Census Bureau · IRS Statistics of Income

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GOVERNMENT REFORM / DELAWARE JOBS

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

Coons has been among the most vocal Senate Democrats opposing DOGE-driven reductions-in-force across federal agencies. Delaware has a significant federal workforce presence, including at Dover AFB, the VA Medical Center in Wilmington, IRS facilities, and multiple federal agency offices. Staff should verify whether any Delaware-specific RIF numbers, furlough notices, or buyout acceptance data have been released this week. Coons' opposition to all DOGE reforms is a broad brush — staff should identify whether any specific Delaware federal jobs have been affected to assess whether Coons' opposition is proportionate or performative.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports fiscal responsibility and government efficiency while protecting Delaware's critical federal workforce. Per his Delaware State Senate record — where he proposed an independent council to evaluate state services and develop a five-year plan to restructure and reorganize state government — Dr. Katz understands that efficiency reform must be targeted and data-driven, not blanket opposition like Coons' approach or indiscriminate cuts. Dr. Katz opposes waste; he supports Delaware workers.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Coons opposes all government efficiency reforms on principle — that's not leadership, it's reflexive partisanship
- Dr. Katz proposed a five-year government restructuring plan in Delaware — reform done right
- Delaware federal workers deserve a senator who protects essential jobs while cutting waste
- Opposing all reform means defending all waste — that's Coons' position
- Dr. Katz knows the difference between protecting workers and protecting bureaucracy

SOURCES: [Coons.senate.gov](https://coons.senate.gov) · [OPM FedScope](#)

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VETERANS / DELAWARE / HEALTHCARE

Veterans Affairs — Southern Delaware VA Facility Advocacy — Friday 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. Friday closes the work week — staff should assess whether Coons has made any new public statements, secured any VA commitments, or introduced legislation specifically advancing the southern Delaware VA facility this week. Dr. Katz's platform includes an explicit call for a VA Advanced Medical Facility in southern Delaware, giving him a credible and specific position on this issue.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz has explicitly called for a VA Advanced Medical Facility in southern Delaware, per his veterans platform, which identifies 'veterans residing in Kent and Sussex counties' as urgently needing 'accessible, advanced medical care services tailored to their unique health challenges.' As a physician with 40+ years in healthcare, Dr. Katz brings clinical credibility to VA facility design and service delivery that Coons — a career politician — simply cannot match.

• TALKING POINTS

- Dr. Katz's veterans platform specifically calls for a VA Advanced Medical Facility in southern Delaware
- Kent and Sussex County veterans shouldn't have to drive hours for specialty care
- As a physician, Dr. Katz understands what veterans' healthcare facilities actually need — clinical expertise matters
- Coons has talked about southern Delaware VA care for years — Dr. Katz has a specific plan
- Dr. Katz's 40 years in healthcare, including pediatric critical care, gives him real insight into facility design and patient needs

SOURCES: [Dr. Mike Katz - Veterans Platform](#) · [VA.gov](https://va.gov)

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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 Friday. Coons has framed this as a constitutional separation-of-powers issue, but the practical effect would be to signal to Iran that the United States is internally divided on the use of force — weakening America's deterrence posture at a critical moment in Middle East security dynamics.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong defense and Commander-in-Chief authority, per his core platform. Dr. Katz believes that tying the President's hands on Iran through legislative preemption sends a dangerous signal to adversaries. America's strength lies in credible deterrence — Coons' approach undermines that by publicly telegraphing constraints on U.S. military options.

• TALKING POINTS

- Coons wants to tell Iran that America's hands are tied — that's not diplomacy, it's weakness
- Dr. Katz supports the President's authority as Commander-in-Chief to protect American interests
- Credible deterrence requires adversaries to believe we will act — Coons' resolution says we won't
- Iran's nuclear program advances every day — this is not the time to handcuff our military options
- Strong defense means keeping all options on the table, not broadcasting our limitations

SOURCES: Senate Foreign Relations Committee · Congress.gov

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GOVERNMENT REFORM / FOREIGN AFFAIRS **UPDATED**

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

Coons has continued his vocal opposition to DOGE-driven workforce reduction plans targeting the State Department and USAID, now entering week four of sustained public messaging on the issue. Coons has called the reductions 'reckless' and argued they undermine American diplomatic capacity and development programs worldwide. Staff should verify whether any new statements, Dear Colleague letters, or formal legislative responses were issued this week. Coons'

focus on protecting the foreign affairs bureaucracy stands in contrast to his silence on Delaware-specific economic concerns like the ExxonMobil redomiciliation.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports fiscal responsibility across all federal agencies, including the State Department, per his economy platform. While Dr. Katz believes in maintaining effective American diplomacy, he also believes taxpayers deserve accountability in how foreign affairs dollars are spent. Coons has spent more energy defending USAID's bureaucracy in week four than he has spent on Delaware's eroding business climate in four weeks — a telling illustration of his priorities.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Coons has spent four weeks defending the USAID bureaucracy — and zero weeks addressing Delaware's business climate
- Dr. Katz supports effective diplomacy AND fiscal accountability — every agency should earn its budget
- Protecting bureaucracy is not the same as protecting American interests abroad
- Coons' priorities: Washington agencies first, Delaware second
- Dr. Katz believes in efficiency across government — per his five-year restructuring plan record in Delaware

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

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UKRAINE / FOREIGN AID

[STAFF VERIFY] Ukraine Supplemental Aid — Friday Status Check

Coons has been one of the Senate's most vocal advocates for continued military and economic assistance to Ukraine. Staff should verify whether any new supplemental aid package language has been circulated, whether any Senate leadership statements on Ukraine funding were issued this week, and whether Coons participated in any public events or media appearances on the topic. As the weekend approaches, staff should prepare a weekly summary of Coons' Ukraine-related activity for the Monday brief.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong defense and American security interests, per his platform. While he can acknowledge the importance of supporting allies, Dr. Katz believes any further Ukraine aid must be paired with accountability measures, clear strategic objectives, and prioritization of American domestic needs — including border security, which Coons continues to ignore. Delaware taxpayers deserve transparency on where their money goes.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Any additional Ukraine aid must come with accountability and clear objectives — blank checks are unacceptable
- Coons pushes billions for Ukraine but won't even comment on the National Guard securing our own border
- Dr. Katz supports allies but puts American security priorities first
- Delaware taxpayers deserve to know how every foreign aid dollar is spent

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 (220-208, largely party-line) and remains pending in the U.S. Senate. Senate Democrats are expected to oppose or filibuster the bill, framing it as voter suppression. No Senate Democrat has publicly broken with the caucus position. 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 against it. As the bill approaches a potential scheduling decision, Senate Democratic leadership has shown no willingness to allow a floor vote, suggesting continued procedural blocking.

⚡ **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, per his stated platform. 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. Coons' expected alignment with his caucus on this issue places him against common-sense verification that most Delawareans support.

• TALKING POINTS

- The SAVE Act is simple: prove you're a citizen to vote in American elections — Coons' party wants to block that
- Dr. Katz strongly supports the SAVE Act — only citizens should vote in our elections
- Senate Democrats won't even allow a floor vote on citizenship verification — what are they afraid of?
- Coons is expected to stand with his caucus against election integrity — Delaware voters should know that

- Most Americans support proof of citizenship to vote — Coons' party is out of step with the country

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). End-of-week assessment: Coons' March legislative effectiveness remains at zero — this is now a durable narrative. The ExxonMobil/business climate silence is entering its fourth week. Border deployment silence is at 18 days. Staff should prepare a weekly rollup document quantifying Coons' silence gaps across these tracked issues for use in campaign communications.

• TALKING POINTS

- Coons: 16 years in the Senate, four bills this month with zero cosponsors — is this representation?
- Key Coons vulnerabilities: legislative ineffectiveness, border silence, Delaware business climate neglect, foreign policy over domestic priorities
- Katz strengths: physician credibility on healthcare and VA, state legislative record on reform and transparency, business owner perspective on economy
- Primary focus: build name recognition and issue credibility ahead of September 15 primary
- General election framing: career politician vs. physician-servant leader who has actually passed legislation

SOURCES: [GovTrack](#) — Sen. Coons Profile · [Dr. Mike Katz Campaign](#)

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