

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

TOP STORY

WAR POWERS / IRAN / COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF **UPDATED**

S.J.Res. 191 — Iran War Powers Resolution Enters Day 18 in Foreign Relations Committee; Week Three Opens with Markup Still Pending

S.J.Res. 191, the joint resolution directing removal of U.S. Armed Forces from hostilities within or against Iran not authorized by Congress, enters its eighteenth day in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as the Senate returns Monday. Coons is listed as a cosponsor. No markup has been scheduled and no discharge petition has been filed. The resolution remains the highest-profile item in Coons' current portfolio and the sharpest contrast point on Commander-in-Chief authority and national security posture.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports the President's constitutional authority as Commander-in-Chief and opposes legislative efforts to constrain the executive's ability to respond to Iranian threats. Per Dr. Katz's defense and veterans platform, sustaining a robust military force and decisive executive leadership is essential for preserving global peace and protecting American interests. Coons' cosponsorship of S.J.Res. 191 signals a willingness to tie the President's hands during an active threat environment.

• TALKING POINTS

- Coons cosponsored a resolution to pull U.S. forces back from Iran — Dr. Katz believes the Commander-in-Chief must retain the authority to protect Americans and deter adversaries
- Iran remains the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism — this is not the time for Congress to micromanage military operations
- Dr. Katz's platform calls for sustaining a robust military force as essential for global peace and stability — S.J.Res. 191 undermines that principle
- Day 18 with no markup: this resolution appears designed more as a messaging vehicle than a serious legislative effort
- Delaware voters with ties to Dover AFB and the military community deserve a Senator who supports strong defense, not one who constrains it

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](#) — S.J.Res. 191 · [Senate Foreign Relations Committee](#) | [INDEX](#)

FY2027 Defense Budget Hearing Series — Week Eleven Opens; Coons Expected to Continue Anti-DOGE Messaging as Ranking Member

The Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee enters its eleventh week of FY2027 budget hearings as the Monday session convenes. As Ranking Member, Coons has consistently used these hearings to frame DOGE-driven efficiency reviews as threats to military readiness and force structure. Staff should monitor Monday's hearing schedule for specific witness testimony and any Coons questioning that generates clips or press. No new hearing announcements were confirmed over the weekend.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports fiscal responsibility and believes taxpayers deserve accountability in defense spending — not bloated bureaucracy insulated from review. Per his economy platform, Dr. Katz calls for restructuring government operations to match revenues responsibly, a principle he championed in the Delaware State Senate with his five-year plan to restructure state government. Coons' reflexive opposition to DOGE efficiency reviews protects waste, not warriors.

• TALKING POINTS

- Dr. Katz supports strong defense AND fiscal accountability — these are not mutually exclusive
- Coons uses his Ranking Member seat to protect government bloat from scrutiny rather than ensuring every defense dollar strengthens readiness
- Dr. Katz authored legislation in Delaware's State Senate to restructure and reorganize state government — he brings that same reform mindset to federal spending
- Eleven weeks of hearings and Coons' primary narrative has been opposing efficiency reviews — where's the advocacy for Delaware's military families?
- Dover AFB personnel deserve a Senator who fights for their funding and their mission, not one who uses defense hearings for partisan messaging

Dover AFB FY2027 Military Construction — Monday Status; No New Developments

Dover Air Force Base, home to the 436th and 512th Airlift Wings and the Charles C. Carson Center for Mortuary Affairs, remains a critical Delaware equities item as FY2027 defense appropriations hearings continue. No new military construction requests or announcements

specific to Dover AFB have been released over the weekend. Staff should monitor this week's hearing schedule for any MILCON line items affecting Dover.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports robust investment in Dover AFB and Delaware's military infrastructure. Per his veterans and defense platform, Dr. Katz believes sustaining military installations is essential to national security and Delaware's economy. Both candidates can advocate for Dover AFB, but Dr. Katz's commitment to strong defense spending without partisan strings provides a clearer path to delivering results.

• TALKING POINTS

- Dover AFB is Delaware's most important federal installation — Dr. Katz supports full funding for its mission and modernization
- Military construction at Dover supports both national security and hundreds of Delaware jobs
- Dr. Katz believes military investment should be driven by readiness needs, not conditioned on partisan spending battles
- The Carson Center's sacred mission of dignified transfer deserves a Senator who prioritizes defense above politics

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

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DEFENSE / BORDER SECURITY **UPDATED**

[STAFF VERIFY] Coons Statements on National Guard Border Deployment — No Confirmed Public Position Through Day 65 of Tracking

Staff has been tracking for sixty-five days 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 Monday morning, no confirmed public position from Coons has been identified. This silence is notable given Coons' role as Defense Appropriations Ranking Member and his vocal positions on other military deployment questions, including S.J.Res. 191 on Iran. Staff should continue daily monitoring.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong border security and robust ICE enforcement, per his platform on secure borders. Coons' sixty-five-day silence on National Guard border deployment — while simultaneously cosponsoring a resolution to pull forces from Iran — reveals a selective approach to military deployments that prioritizes partisan politics over border security.

• TALKING POINTS

- Sixty-five days and counting: Coons won't say whether he supports the National Guard securing our southern border
- Coons cosponsored a resolution to withdraw forces from Iran in less than a day — but can't find the words to support border security
- Dr. Katz supports strong ICE enforcement and National Guard border deployment — no ambiguity, no silence
- Delaware families deserve to know where their Senator stands on the most basic obligation of the federal government: securing the border
- Silence is a position — and Coons' silence tells border communities everything they need to know

SOURCES: [Coons.senate.gov](https://coons.senate.gov) — Press Releases · [Congress.gov](https://congress.gov) — S.J.Res. 191 [↑]
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RECENT LEGISLATION

LEGISLATIVE EFFECTIVENESS / OVERSIGHT **UPDATED**

Coons' Complete Legislative Portfolio — Zero-Cosponsor Pattern Persists; Only Ceremonial Resolution Has Passed in 119th Congress

As of May 18, Sen. Coons has ten tracked items in the 119th Congress: S.J.Res. 191 (Day 18, cosponsor), S.Res. 716 (Day 18), S.Res. 702 (passed UC, ceremonial), S. 4392 (Day 21, zero cosponsors), S. 4362 (Day 27, zero cosponsors), S. 4144 (Day 60, zero cosponsors), S. 4145 (Day 60, zero cosponsors), and S. 3891 (Week 14+, stalled). The only measure to pass remains S.Res. 702, a ceremonial resolution commending the American Chemical Society. No substantive Coons-authored legislation has attracted a single cosponsor or advanced beyond initial committee referral.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz believes effective representation requires building coalitions and passing legislation that delivers results. Per his platform, Dr. Katz emphasizes servant leadership and cross-party collaboration. Coons' inability to attract a single cosponsor on any substantive bill in the 119th Congress — despite 16 years of seniority — raises serious questions about legislative effectiveness. Dr. Katz's record of authoring and passing bipartisan legislation in Delaware's State Senate (SB 241 scenic byway, DHIN restructuring) demonstrates he can deliver results.

• TALKING POINTS

- Coons has introduced multiple bills this Congress — zero cosponsors on any substantive legislation

- The only Coons measure to pass the Senate this Congress is a ceremonial resolution for a chemistry society anniversary
- After 16 years in the Senate, Coons can't convince a single colleague to sign onto his bills — that's not leadership, that's irrelevance
- Dr. Katz authored and passed bipartisan legislation in the Delaware State Senate, including the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway bill and DHIN restructuring
- Delawareans deserve a Senator who builds coalitions and delivers, not one who introduces messaging bills that go nowhere

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](#) — [Sen. Coons Legislation](#) · [GovTrack](#) — [Sen. Coons](#) † [INDEX](#)

ENERGY / NATIONAL SECURITY / MINERALS **UPDATED**

S. 4392 — Energy Security Pacts Act — Day 21 in Foreign Relations Committee; Zero Cosponsors

Introduced April 27 by Coons, S. 4392 promotes 'United States and allied energy and mineral security.' Now in its twenty-first day in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with zero cosponsors. The bill was referred to Foreign Relations and has seen no committee action, hearing scheduling, or markup. Full bill text availability should be confirmed by staff.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports American energy independence as a cornerstone of both economic growth and national security, per his energy and environment platform. Dr. Katz advocates for nuclear energy development (including the ADVANCE Act), domestic energy production, and reducing dependence on foreign supply chains. While Coons frames energy security through an allied-pacts lens, Dr. Katz believes America-first energy independence — not dependence on international agreements — is the foundation for true security.

• TALKING POINTS

- Coons' energy bill has zero cosponsors after three weeks — even his own party won't sign on
- Dr. Katz supports American energy independence through nuclear energy, domestic production, and innovation — not more international agreements
- Dr. Katz is an advocate for nuclear energy and supports the ADVANCE Act for efficient permitting and advanced technology development
- Energy security starts at home — Dr. Katz believes we should produce more energy domestically before negotiating pacts abroad
- After 16 years, Coons still can't build a coalition on energy — Delaware needs fresh leadership

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](#) — [S. 4392](#) · [Senate Foreign Relations Committee](#) † [INDEX](#)

S. 4362 — Railroad Retirement Fairness Act — Day 27 in HELP Committee; Zero Cosponsors

Introduced April 21 by Coons, S. 4362 would amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to eliminate certain deductions for annuities. Now in its twenty-seventh day in the Senate HELP Committee with zero cosponsors and no committee action. While the bill addresses a niche labor issue, its inability to attract cosponsors continues the pattern across Coons' legislative portfolio.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports fair treatment of workers and retirees, per his economy platform's emphasis on workforce development and worker well-being. However, the zero-cosponsor pattern on this bill — like every other substantive Coons bill — reflects an inability to build the coalitions needed to actually deliver for workers. Dr. Katz's track record of bipartisan legislating in Delaware's State Senate demonstrates how to move from press release to law.

• TALKING POINTS

- Another Coons bill, another zero cosponsors — twenty-seven days with no one willing to sign on
- Railroad workers deserve action, not messaging bills that die in committee
- Dr. Katz built bipartisan coalitions in the Delaware State Senate — that's how you actually help workers
- A bill without cosponsors is a press release with a bill number

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) — S. 4362

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S. 4144 — ESCRA Act — Day 60 in Banking Committee; Zero Cosponsors, No Movement

Coons' ESCRA Act, introduced March 19 to amend the Credit Repair Organizations Act, enters its sixtieth day in the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee with zero cosponsors and no committee activity. The bill has attracted no public attention, no hearing scheduling, and no cosponsor recruitment since introduction.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports consumer protection and believes in reducing regulatory burdens while protecting Americans from predatory practices, per his economy platform. Sixty days with zero cosponsors suggests this bill was introduced for optics

rather than outcomes. Dr. Katz's approach to legislation — demonstrated by his comprehensive lobby reform bill (SB 141) and government restructuring work in Delaware — prioritizes deliverables over messaging.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Sixty days, zero cosponsors, zero hearings — Coons' consumer protection bill is dead on arrival
- Dr. Katz believes consumer protection should be paired with regulatory reform that helps small businesses thrive
- Dr. Katz authored comprehensive lobby reform legislation (SB 141) in Delaware — real reform, not press releases
- Delawareans deserve a Senator who can actually move legislation through committee

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

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S. 4145 — Pro Codes Act — Day 60 in Judiciary; Zero Cosponsors, No Movement

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 sixtieth day in the Senate Judiciary Committee with zero cosponsors and no committee action. The bill has generated no measurable legislative activity since introduction.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports government transparency and public access to laws and regulations, per his platform emphasis on accountability. Dr. Katz championed live streaming of the Delaware State Senate (SR 14) and open redistricting (SR 9) — demonstrating a proven commitment to transparency that delivered results. Coons' transparency bill collecting dust for 60 days with zero support speaks to the gap between rhetoric and results.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Coons' transparency bill has sat for 60 days with zero cosponsors and zero action
- Dr. Katz passed live-streaming legislation for the Delaware State Senate and championed open redistricting — actual transparency accomplishments
- Talk is cheap in Washington — Dr. Katz has a track record of making government more transparent in Delaware
- If Coons can't get a single colleague to cosponsor a transparency bill after 16 years of relationships, what is he doing in the Senate?

IMMIGRATION / OVERSIGHT **UPDATED**

S. 3891 — ICE Accountability Act — Week 14+ Stalled in Judiciary Committee; No Action

Coons' ICE Accountability Act (S. 3891), introduced February 12, remains stalled in the Senate Judiciary Committee entering its fifteenth week with no new cosponsors or committee action. The bill would impose additional oversight requirements and restrictions on Immigration and Customs Enforcement. It has attracted no Republican support and has not been scheduled for a hearing or markup.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong ICE enforcement and opposes legislative efforts to weaken immigration enforcement, per his platform on secure borders and strong ICE enforcement. Coons' ICE Accountability Act would add bureaucratic constraints on the agency tasked with keeping communities safe. Fifteen weeks stalled with zero cosponsors confirms this is a messaging bill designed to signal opposition to enforcement, not serious legislation.

• TALKING POINTS

- Coons wants to put handcuffs on ICE instead of on criminals — Dr. Katz supports strong ICE enforcement
- Fifteen weeks stalled, zero cosponsors — even Democrats won't sign onto Coons' anti-enforcement bill
- Dr. Katz supports secure borders and believes ICE agents deserve support, not additional bureaucratic constraints
- Delaware communities are affected by illegal immigration — they need a Senator who backs enforcement, not one who tries to weaken it
- The ICE Accountability Act is an accountability act for everyone except those breaking immigration law

APPROPRIATIONS & DELAWARE FUNDING

FEDERAL FUNDING / DELAWARE

[STAFF VERIFY] FY2026 Federal Funding Status — Monday Confirmation

Staff should confirm the current status of FY2026 federal funding. Determine whether the government is operating under a continuing resolution, an enacted omnibus, or individual

appropriations bills. Identify any expiration dates or funding cliffs that could affect Delaware federal installations, workforce, and grant recipients. If a CR is in effect, note the expiration date and any policy riders.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports fiscal responsibility and believes Congress has a fundamental obligation to pass appropriations bills on time through regular order, per his economy platform's emphasis on fiscal responsibility and accountable governance. Coons' role as Defense Appropriations Ranking Member makes any failure to complete the FY2026 process a direct reflection on his effectiveness.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Congress's inability to pass spending bills on time is a bipartisan failure — but Coons is the Defense Appropriations Ranking Member and bears direct responsibility
- Dr. Katz supports regular-order budgeting and fiscal responsibility, not government-by-continuing-resolution
- Delaware's federal employees and military families shouldn't live under the uncertainty of CR after CR
- Dr. Katz championed a five-year government restructuring plan in Delaware — he understands that budgeting is governing

SOURCES: Senate Appropriations Committee · Congress.gov

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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 offices, and various agency field offices. Staff should verify current RIF numbers affecting Delaware-based federal employees and determine whether any new agency-specific announcements were made over the weekend.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports government efficiency and restructuring, having authored legislation in the Delaware State Senate to establish an independent council to evaluate state services and develop a five-year restructuring plan. Dr. Katz believes government reform can be achieved while protecting essential services and personnel — but blanket opposition to all efficiency reviews, as Coons advocates, simply protects waste and bureaucratic bloat.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz authored a five-year government restructuring plan in Delaware — he knows how to reform government responsibly
- Opposing all efficiency reviews protects waste, not workers — Dr. Katz supports smart reform that strengthens essential services
- Delaware's federal employees deserve honest leadership about which functions are essential and which are redundant
- Coons' approach: block all reform, protect all bloat — Dr. Katz's approach: reform responsibly, invest in what works

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

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DELAWARE

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

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

ExxonMobil's board-recommended redomiciliation from New Jersey to Texas — bypassing Delaware entirely — now enters its seventeenth week as a data point in Delaware's eroding position as America's premier corporate domicile state. Coons has not issued any public statement, held any hearing, or introduced any legislation addressing the competitive threats to Delaware's franchise tax base and incorporation business. This trend threatens one of Delaware's most critical revenue streams.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports pro-business policies including reducing corporate tax burdens and incentivizing business investment, per his economy platform and his Delaware State Senate legislation to repeal Delaware's corporate income tax (SB 100). Delaware's position as the nation's corporate home is under direct competitive threat from states like Texas and Nevada. Coons' seventeen weeks of silence on this existential economic issue is disqualifying for a Senator who claims to fight for Delaware jobs.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Seventeen weeks and Coons hasn't said a word about ExxonMobil choosing Texas over Delaware for redomiciliation
- Dr. Katz authored legislation to repeal Delaware's corporate income tax (SB 100) — he understands that businesses go where they're welcome
- Delaware's franchise tax and incorporation revenue is an existential economic issue — Coons' silence is inexcusable

- Texas is eating Delaware's lunch on corporate climate — where is Coons?
- Dr. Katz supports reducing regulatory burdens and corporate tax reform to keep businesses in Delaware

SOURCES: Coons.senate.gov — Press Releases · Delaware Division of Corporations

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DELAWARE ECONOMY / QUALITY OF LIFE

[STAFF VERIFY] Delaware Population and Outmigration Trends — Monday Data Check

Staff should check whether updated Census Bureau population estimates or IRS migration data for Delaware have been released this week. Recent trends have shown Delaware experiencing slower population growth relative to peer states, with net domestic outmigration to lower-cost, lower-tax states. This trend has implications for Delaware's congressional representation, federal funding formulas, and economic competitiveness.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports policies that make Delaware affordable and competitive — including tax reform, energy independence, and homeownership initiatives, per his economy and homeownership platforms. Delaware's median home price surged 53% from 2018 to 2023 (per Katz's homeownership platform data). Outmigration is a symptom of failed economic stewardship — and Coons has been Delaware's senior federal officeholder for 16 years while these trends worsened.

• TALKING POINTS

- People are leaving Delaware — housing costs up 53% in five years, wages stagnant, opportunities shrinking
- Dr. Katz supports tax incentives for first-time homebuyers and policies to increase affordable housing supply
- Coons has been in the Senate for 16 years while Delaware's cost of living has priced out working families
- Dr. Katz believes homeownership is central to the American Dream and supports federal policies to make it attainable again

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

VETERANS / DELAWARE / HEALTHCARE

Veterans Affairs — Southern Delaware VA Facility Advocacy — Monday Status

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. No new developments or announcements were made over the weekend. Staff should monitor for any Monday announcements related to VA facility planning, MISSION Act community care access, or FY2027 VA construction requests affecting southern Delaware.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz has called for a VA Advanced Medical Facility in Southern Delaware, per his veterans platform, to address the urgent need for accessible, advanced medical care services tailored to veterans' unique health challenges. As a physician, Dr. Katz brings clinical expertise to understanding what veterans actually need in terms of facility design, specialty care access, and mental health integration — expertise Coons simply does not have.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz has specifically called for a VA Advanced Medical Facility in Southern Delaware — not just 'expanded services' but a real facility
- As a physician with decades of healthcare system experience, Dr. Katz understands what veterans need from a medical facility — clinical expertise Coons lacks
- Kent and Sussex County veterans shouldn't have to drive hours for specialty care — Dr. Katz supports a dedicated advanced facility
- Dr. Katz's healthcare platform emphasizes integrating mental health services — critical for veteran care
- Advocacy without results is just talk — after 16 years, where is the southern Delaware VA facility Coons has been 'supporting'?

SOURCES: [Coons.senate.gov - Press Releases](https://www.coons.senate.gov/press-releases) · [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](https://www.va.gov) ↑ INDEX

S.Res. 716 — China Policy Sense of the Senate Resolution — Day 18 in Foreign Relations Committee

S.Res. 716, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding critical elements of U.S. policy toward the People's Republic of China, enters its eighteenth day in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The resolution was referred to committee on April 30 and has seen no markup scheduling or floor action. The non-binding nature of the resolution limits its policy impact, though it may serve as a messaging vehicle for Coons' China positioning.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong, results-oriented action on China — not non-binding sense-of-the-Senate resolutions. Per his energy and economy platforms, Dr. Katz advocates for reducing dependence on Chinese supply chains through domestic energy production, nuclear energy development, and American manufacturing investment. A sense-of-the-Senate resolution is the legislative equivalent of a strongly-worded letter — Delaware needs a Senator who will take concrete action to counter Chinese economic aggression.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Coons introduced a non-binding China resolution — Dr. Katz supports concrete action to counter Chinese economic and military threats
- A sense-of-the-Senate resolution doesn't deter Beijing — securing American energy independence and supply chains does
- Dr. Katz supports reducing dependence on Chinese supply chains through domestic energy production and nuclear development
- After 18 days with no action, this resolution appears to be messaging, not policy
- Delaware's businesses need protection from Chinese IP theft and unfair trade — not symbolic resolutions

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) — S.Res. 716 · [Senate Foreign Relations Committee](#) † [INDEX](#)

GOVERNMENT REFORM / FOREIGN AFFAIRS **UPDATED**

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

Coons has continued his vocal opposition to DOGE-driven workforce reduction plans targeting the State Department and USAID, now entering an eighteenth week of sustained public messaging. Coons has characterized these efficiency reviews as 'gutting American diplomacy' and has used his Foreign Relations Committee seat to amplify opposition. No new legislative vehicle has been introduced to block the reductions. Staff should monitor for Monday floor statements or press events.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports government restructuring that eliminates waste while preserving essential functions, per his platform and his Delaware State Senate legislation establishing a five-year government reorganization plan. Foreign aid and diplomatic programs should serve American interests — not become bureaucratic jobs programs immune from accountability. Dr. Katz believes USAID reform is overdue and that efficiency reviews strengthen, not weaken, American global influence.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Eighteen weeks of Coons opposing every efficiency review at State and USAID — but no alternative plan to eliminate waste
- Dr. Katz supports smart government restructuring — he authored a five-year reorganization plan in Delaware's State Senate
- Foreign aid should serve American interests, not bureaucratic inertia — Dr. Katz supports reform, not blank-check spending
- Coons frames all reform as 'gutting' — Dr. Katz frames it as accountability to taxpayers
- A leaner, more effective diplomatic corps better serves American interests than a bloated one

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

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UKRAINE / FOREIGN AID

[STAFF VERIFY] Ukraine Supplemental Aid — Monday Status Check

Coons has been one of the Senate's most vocal advocates for continued military and economic assistance to Ukraine. Staff should verify Monday whether any new supplemental aid package language has been introduced, whether floor debate is scheduled, or whether Coons has issued new statements. Monitor for any linkage between Ukraine aid and FY2027 defense appropriations in committee discussions.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong defense and American military readiness as the foundation of global security, per his defense and veterans platform. Any foreign aid — including Ukraine assistance — must be weighed against domestic military readiness needs, fiscal responsibility, and clear accountability for how funds are spent. Dr. Katz believes in transparency and oversight of all foreign spending, not open-ended commitments.

• TALKING POINTS

- Dr. Katz supports strong defense — and believes any foreign aid must include rigorous oversight and accountability
- American military readiness comes first — foreign aid should supplement, not substitute for, domestic defense investment
- Coons pushes open-ended Ukraine commitments without clear benchmarks — Dr. Katz believes taxpayers deserve transparency
- Supporting allies is important, but so is fiscal responsibility — Dr. Katz supports both

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

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DHS and TSA Funding — Senate Democrats Continue to Leverage Funding Debate for Anti-Enforcement Messaging

Senate Democrats are expected to continue using upcoming DHS and TSA funding debates to push for restrictions on interior immigration enforcement, oppose expanded ICE detention capacity, and resist increases in border security personnel. The caucus strategy centers on conditioning DHS funding on policy riders that would limit enforcement operations. Coons, as a member of the Appropriations Committee and author of the ICE Accountability Act (S. 3891), is aligned with this caucus positioning. No new DHS funding markup has been announced for this week.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong ICE enforcement and secure borders, per his platform. He opposes Senate Democrat efforts to use DHS funding as leverage to weaken immigration enforcement. Dr. Katz believes DHS should be fully funded for its enforcement mission — including detention capacity, border personnel, and ICE operations — without partisan policy riders designed to hamstring the agency.

• TALKING POINTS

- Senate Democrats want to defund enforcement by attaching anti-ICE riders to DHS funding — Dr. Katz opposes this approach
- Dr. Katz supports full funding for DHS enforcement operations including ICE, CBP, and border security personnel
- Coons authored the ICE Accountability Act and aligns with his caucus strategy to weaken enforcement through the appropriations process
- Delaware communities deserve a Senator who funds border security, not one who uses funding debates to undermine it
- Dr. Katz supports secure borders — full stop, no policy riders, no conditions on enforcement

SOURCES: Senate Appropriations Committee · Congress.gov — S. 3891 (ICE Accountability Act)

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SAVE America Act — Senate Democrats Continue to Block Voter Citizenship Verification; Coons Expected to Vote With Caucus

The SAVE Act (H.R. 22), requiring documentary proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in federal elections, remains pending in the Senate after passing the House in April 2025 (220-208, largely party-line). Senate Democrats are expected to oppose or filibuster the bill, framing it as voter suppression. No Senate Democrat has indicated support. Coons has not made a

specific public statement but is expected to vote with his caucus against the measure. No new floor action has been scheduled for this week.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz strongly supports the SAVE Act, per his stated platform position. He believes only U.S. citizens should vote in U.S. elections — a position shared by the overwhelming majority of Americans. 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 against proof-of-citizenship requirements puts him at odds with common-sense election security.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz supports the SAVE Act — only American citizens should vote in American elections
- The SAVE Act passed the House with bipartisan support — Senate Democrats are blocking it
- Requiring proof of citizenship to vote is common sense, not voter suppression — most Americans agree
- Coons won't even speak publicly on the SAVE Act — his silence tells you he'll vote with Schumer to block it
- Dr. Katz believes election integrity is the foundation of democracy — Coons' caucus treats it as an inconvenience

SOURCES: [Congress.gov](#) — H.R. 22 (SAVE Act) · [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 this week: Iran war posture (S.J.Res. 191 entering week three with no markup), zero-cosponsor pattern across all substantive legislation (now 60 days on two bills), 65-day silence on National Guard border deployment, 17 weeks ignoring ExxonMobil redomiciliation threat to Delaware's business climate, and healthcare/VA advocacy where Katz's physician background creates an unmatched contrast. The legislative ineffectiveness narrative is

strengthening week over week — staff should begin developing a comprehensive 'zero cosponsors' messaging package for summer deployment.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Coons: 16 years in office, zero substantive bills passed this Congress, zero cosponsors on any active legislation
- Dr. Katz: physician, former state senator, small business owner — a record of solving problems, not posturing
- Key contrast areas: defense posture (Iran), border security (65-day silence), business climate (ExxonMobil), healthcare expertise
- Delaware deserves a Senator who delivers results — not one who introduces messaging bills and waits for them to die

SOURCES: GovTrack — Sen. Coons Profile · DrMikeKatz.com

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