

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

TOP STORY

LEGISLATIVE EFFECTIVENESS / OVERSIGHT **UPDATED**

Coons' Legislative Portfolio Enters Day 17 of Complete Stasis — Six Tracked Bills, Zero Cosponsors, Zero Committee Activity as Q2 Week One Closes

As the first full week of Q2 2026 concludes on a Sunday with Congress out of session, Sen. Coons' entire tracked legislative portfolio remains frozen. All six monitored bills — S. 4144 (ESCRA Act, Day 17), S. 4145 (Pro Codes Act, Day 17), S. 4089 (Blue Envelope Act, Day 24), S. 4011 (Tropical Forest/Coral Reef, Day 31), and S. 3891 (ICE Accountability Act, Week 8+) — have attracted zero cosponsors, zero scheduled hearings, and zero markup dates. This pattern of introducing bills that fail to gain any traction is now a sustained, documentable trend entering the second quarter.

⚡ KATZ CONTRAST POINT: Dr. Katz believes effective legislating requires building coalitions, not issuing press releases. Drawing from his Delaware State Senate record — where he authored and passed the Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway legislation (SB 241) and restructured the Delaware Health Information Network into a self-sustaining public-private partnership — Dr. Katz has a track record of moving bills from introduction to enactment. Coons' inability to attract a single cosponsor on six consecutive bills raises serious questions about his effectiveness after sixteen years in office.

TALKING POINTS

- Six bills introduced, zero cosponsors — that's not legislating, that's posturing
- After 16 years in the Senate, Coons can't convince a single colleague to sign onto his bills
- Dr. Katz passed real legislation in Delaware's State Senate — the Scenic Byway Act, DHIN restructuring, lobby reform — because he built coalitions
- Delaware deserves a Senator whose bills actually move through committee
- Coons' Q2 scorecard: zero hearings, zero markups, zero results

SOURCES: Congress.gov — S. 4144 · Congress.gov — S. 4145 · Congress.gov — S. 4089 INDEX

DEFENSE & PENTAGON

FY2027 Defense Budget Hearing Series — Sunday Recess; Week Four Expected to Bring Service Branch-Specific Testimony

The Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee is in weekend recess after three weeks of FY2027 budget hearings. As Ranking Member, Coons has consistently used these sessions to frame DOGE-driven efficiency initiatives as threats to military readiness rather than opportunities to eliminate waste and redirect savings to warfighters. Week four is expected to feature service branch-specific testimony where Coons will likely continue this narrative. No new hearing schedule has been published as of Sunday morning.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong defense spending directed at warfighter readiness and modernization, and believes fiscal responsibility — per his platform commitment to 'achieving energy independence' and 'fiscal responsibility' — means rooting out Pentagon waste so every dollar serves national security. Coons' reflexive opposition to efficiency reforms suggests he prioritizes bureaucratic preservation over military capability.

• TALKING POINTS

- Supporting our military means making sure defense dollars go to warfighters, not bureaucratic bloat
- Dr. Katz supports strong defense AND fiscal responsibility — they're not mutually exclusive
- Coons treats any efficiency effort as an attack on government — that's the mindset of a career politician, not a reformer
- Week four of hearings and Coons still hasn't offered his own plan to cut Pentagon waste
- Dover AFB families deserve a Senator who fights for readiness, not red tape

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 27 of Tracking

Staff has been tracking for twenty-seven 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 Sunday, no confirmed public position has been identified. This continued silence from a Ranking Member on Defense Appropriations — whose subcommittee funds National Guard operations — is notable and should be verified again Monday when staff returns.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong border security and robust ICE enforcement, per his platform commitment to secure borders. As a member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee that funds National Guard operations, Coons' 27-day silence on a major deployment is a dereliction of his oversight responsibilities — whether he supports or opposes the mission, Delawareans deserve to know where their Senator stands.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- 27 days and counting — Coons won't say whether he supports or opposes National Guard border deployment
- The Ranking Member on Defense Appropriations is silent on a major military deployment — that's a failure of oversight
- Dr. Katz supports secure borders and strong ICE enforcement — no ambiguity, no hedging
- Delaware's National Guard families deserve clarity from their Senator
- Silence isn't strategy — it's political cowardice on the border

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

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MILITARY CONSTRUCTION / DELAWARE

Dover AFB FY2027 Military Construction — Sunday Status; No New Developments Over Weekend

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 hearings pause for the weekend. No new military construction hearing announcements or MILCON project lists have been released. Staff should monitor Monday for any Week 4 hearing schedules that may include Air Mobility Command or Delaware-specific infrastructure items.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports full funding for Dover AFB military construction and modernization, consistent with his platform commitment to strong defense. Dover AFB is Delaware's most important federal asset, and Dr. Katz believes any Senator representing Delaware should make Dover MILCON a top-tier priority in every appropriations cycle — not just during election years.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dover AFB is Delaware's most important federal asset — it deserves year-round attention, not election-year photo ops
- Dr. Katz supports full funding for Dover AFB modernization and military construction
- The 436th and 512th Airlift Wings need a Senator who fights for resources every year

- Mortuary Affairs at Dover is a sacred mission — it must be fully resourced

SOURCES: Senate Appropriations Committee · Dover AFB — USAF

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RECENT LEGISLATION

CONSUMER PROTECTION / BANKING **UPDATED**

S. 4144 — ESCRA Act (Credit Repair Organizations) — Day 17 in Banking Committee, No Cosponsors

Coons' ESCRA Act, introduced March 19 to amend the Credit Repair Organizations Act, enters its seventeenth day in the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee with no cosponsors and no committee activity. The bill's lack of any co-sponsorship momentum — even among Democratic members of the Banking Committee — suggests it may be a messaging vehicle rather than a serious legislative effort.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports consumer protection through market transparency and reduced regulatory complexity, consistent with his platform emphasis on reducing regulatory burdens on small businesses. He believes effective consumer protection legislation requires bipartisan buy-in, which Coons has failed to secure.

• TALKING POINTS

- Day 17, zero cosponsors — even Banking Committee Democrats haven't signed on
- Dr. Katz supports consumer protection that actually passes, not press-release legislation
- Delawareans dealing with credit repair scams need real solutions, not stalled bills
- If Coons can't get a single colleague to cosponsor, how will he get it passed?

SOURCES: Congress.gov — S. 4144

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COPYRIGHT / GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY **UPDATED**

S. 4145 — Pro Codes Act of 2026 (Copyright/Open Access) — Day 17 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 seventeenth day in the Senate Judiciary Committee with no cosponsors and no scheduled hearing. This bill addresses a niche intellectual property issue with limited electoral resonance in Delaware.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports government transparency — as demonstrated by his Delaware State Senate legislation mandating live streaming of Senate proceedings (SR 14, 146th General Assembly) and open redistricting (SR 9). Coons' approach to transparency through copyright law reform, while not objectionable on its merits, lacks the coalition support needed to advance and diverts attention from more impactful transparency reforms.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz actually passed transparency legislation in Delaware — live streaming of the State Senate
- Coons introduces niche copyright bills while Delawareans face real cost-of-living challenges
- Day 17, zero cosponsors — another Coons bill going nowhere
- Transparency matters, but it starts with a Senator who's accountable for results

SOURCES: Congress.gov — S. 4145

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

S. 4089 — Blue Envelope Act — Day 24 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 twenty-fourth day in the Senate Judiciary Committee with no cosponsors and no action. The concept has broad appeal but the bill's inability to attract bipartisan support is notable.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports law enforcement and first responders, per his platform commitment to ensuring 'our first responders know we have their back.' As a physician, Dr. Katz also understands the unique needs of individuals with autism and disabilities. He believes programs supporting safe interactions between law enforcement and disabled individuals should be advanced through bipartisan coalition-building — something Coons has demonstrably failed to achieve with this bill.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Good concept, zero execution — 24 days without a single cosponsor
- Dr. Katz supports both law enforcement and better outcomes for individuals with disabilities
- As a physician, Dr. Katz understands autism and disability needs from clinical experience
- Coons can't even build a coalition around a bipartisan-friendly idea — that's a leadership failure

- First responders need resources, not stalled bills

SOURCES: Congress.gov — S. 4089

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ENVIRONMENT / FOREIGN AID **UPDATED**

S. 4011 — Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Reauthorization — Day 31, No Movement

Coons' reauthorization of the 1998 Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act (S. 4011), introduced March 5, passes its thirty-first day in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with no cosponsors and no committee activity. The bill would reauthorize a program that converts foreign debt into conservation funding for tropical forests and coral reefs abroad. At a time when Delaware faces pressing domestic environmental challenges — coastal erosion, beach replenishment, and water quality — Coons' focus on foreign conservation spending is a notable priority choice.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports environmental stewardship focused on Delaware's own natural resources, as demonstrated by his authorship of Delaware's Brandywine Valley National Scenic Byway legislation (SB 241, 146th General Assembly). He believes Delaware's beaches, open spaces, and water quality should take priority over foreign conservation debt swaps, consistent with his platform commitment to 'safeguarding natural resources, including Delaware's beaches and open spaces.'

• TALKING POINTS

- 31 days, zero cosponsors — even Foreign Relations Committee members won't sign on
- Coons prioritizes foreign conservation debt swaps over Delaware's own coastline
- Dr. Katz authored and passed Delaware's Scenic Byway legislation — real environmental protection at home
- Delaware's beaches need replenishment; Coons is focused on tropical forests abroad
- America First means Delaware's environment first for Delaware's Senator

SOURCES: Congress.gov — S. 4011

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IMMIGRATION / OVERSIGHT **UPDATED**

S. 3891 — ICE Accountability Act — Week 9 Stalled in Judiciary Committee

Coons' ICE Accountability Act (S. 3891), introduced February 12, enters its ninth week stalled in the Senate Judiciary Committee with no new cosponsors or committee action. The bill would impose additional reporting requirements and operational constraints on Immigration and

Customs Enforcement at a time when the Administration is pursuing expanded interior enforcement. The bill's complete lack of momentum reflects its out-of-step positioning with both the Senate majority and public opinion on immigration enforcement.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz strongly opposes the ICE Accountability Act and supports robust ICE enforcement, per his platform commitment to secure borders and strong ICE operations. He believes Coons' bill would hamstring the agents protecting American communities and is fundamentally at odds with Delawareans' expectation that immigration laws be enforced.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Nine weeks stalled — even Democrats won't cosponsor Coons' anti-ICE bill
- Dr. Katz supports ICE and the men and women enforcing our immigration laws
- Coons wants more red tape for ICE agents while illegal crossings continue
- Delaware communities deserve enforcement, not bureaucratic obstacles to public safety
- The ICE Accountability Act is really an ICE Obstruction Act

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

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APPROPRIATIONS & DELAWARE FUNDING

FEDERAL FUNDING / DELAWARE

[STAFF VERIFY] FY2026 Federal Funding Status — Sunday Confirmation

Staff should confirm the current status of FY2026 federal funding as of Sunday. Determine whether the government is operating under a continuing resolution, an enacted omnibus, or individual appropriations bills. This affects all Delaware federal spending — Dover AFB operations, VA facilities, federal workforce pay, and grant disbursements. Any CR extension or shutdown risk should be flagged immediately.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports fiscal responsibility and timely passage of appropriations bills, per his platform commitment to 'achieving fiscal responsibility and securing a stable, prosperous future.' He believes Congress' chronic reliance on continuing resolutions reflects the kind of dysfunction he pledged to fight when he introduced legislation to restructure and reorganize Delaware state government (146th General Assembly).

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Congress can't pass a budget on time — that's dysfunction, and Coons has been part of it for 16 years

- Dr. Katz introduced legislation to restructure Delaware government for efficiency — he'll bring the same approach to Washington
- Every CR costs Dover AFB and Delaware's federal workers in delayed projects and uncertainty
- Fiscal responsibility means doing the basic job of government: passing a budget

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, IRS, and USDA facilities. Staff should verify and compile Delaware-specific RIF numbers, affected agencies, and any constituent impact data. Coons' messaging frames all cuts as destructive; staff should identify which cuts involve genuine waste versus essential services to develop a nuanced Katz position.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports responsible government reform that eliminates waste while protecting essential services and Delaware jobs, consistent with his Delaware State Senate legislation establishing an independent council to restructure and reorganize state government. He believes a blanket defense of every federal position — as Coons advocates — is not reform, it's the status quo.

• TALKING POINTS

- Dr. Katz introduced legislation to restructure Delaware government — he knows how to reform without destroying
- Not every federal job cut is a crisis, and not every federal job is essential — that's honest governance
- Coons' blanket opposition to any efficiency reform protects bureaucracy, not Delaware workers
- Dover AFB civilian jobs must be protected — but DC desk jobs duplicating functions should be reviewed
- Reform means smarter government, not bigger government

SOURCES: Coons.senate.gov · Senate Appropriations Committee

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DELAWARE

BUSINESS CLIMATE / CORPORATE GOVERNANCE / DELAWARE ECONOMY

ExxonMobil Texas Redomiciliation — Coons Enters Week Five Without Addressing Delaware's Eroding Corporate Franchise Position

ExxonMobil's board-recommended redomiciliation from New Jersey to Texas — bypassing Delaware entirely — now enters its fifth week as a data point in Delaware's eroding position as America's premier corporate domicile state. Coons has made no public statement acknowledging or addressing this trend, which directly threatens Delaware's franchise fee revenue base and its historic competitive advantage in corporate law. Texas' aggressive courtship of major corporations represents a structural challenge to Delaware's economy that demands federal-level attention.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz believes Delaware's business-friendly environment must be actively defended and strengthened, consistent with his platform commitment to 'reducing the corporate tax burden' and 'incentivizing business investment.' His Delaware State Senate legislation to repeal Delaware's corporate income tax (SB 100, 146th General Assembly) demonstrates his long-standing commitment to making Delaware competitive for business. Coons' silence on corporate flight from Delaware is a failure of economic leadership.

• TALKING POINTS

- ExxonMobil chose Texas over Delaware — and Coons hasn't said a word in five weeks
- Dr. Katz introduced legislation to repeal Delaware's corporate income tax to keep businesses here
- Delaware's franchise fee revenue is at risk if we keep losing corporations to Texas
- A Senator who won't fight for Delaware's business climate won't fight for Delaware jobs
- Dr. Katz has a track record of pro-business legislation — Coons has a track record of silence

SOURCES: Delaware Division of Revenue (staff verify) · Coons.senate.gov ↑ INDEX

DELAWARE ECONOMY / QUALITY OF LIFE

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

Staff should check whether updated Census Bureau population estimates or IRS migration data for Delaware have been released over the weekend. Recent trends have shown Delaware experiencing slower population growth than peer mid-Atlantic states, with net domestic outmigration — particularly among working-age households — to lower-cost, lower-tax states. This trend directly impacts Delaware's tax base, housing market, and economic vitality.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz believes Delaware's outmigration trend is driven by cost-of-living pressures, housing affordability, and an anti-business regulatory environment — all areas where federal policy plays a role. Per his platform, he supports tax reforms that spur economic growth, affordable homeownership policies including tax incentives for first-time buyers, and reducing regulatory burdens to keep families and businesses in Delaware.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- People are leaving Delaware — and Coons has no plan to reverse the trend
- Dr. Katz supports tax reform, affordable housing, and reduced regulation to keep Delawareans here
- Delaware home prices surged 53% in five years — young families can't afford to stay
- A physician understands that you treat the cause, not just the symptom — Delaware's outmigration has root causes Coons ignores

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

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VETERANS / DELAWARE / HEALTHCARE

Veterans Affairs — Southern Delaware VA Facility Advocacy — Sunday 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 funding announcements have emerged over the weekend. Staff should monitor Monday for any VA MILCON or leasing announcements that could affect southern Delaware veterans' access to care.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz has called for an advanced VA medical facility in southern Delaware, per his veterans platform, specifically noting that 'veterans residing in Kent and Sussex counties urgently need accessible, advanced medical care services tailored to their unique health challenges.' As a physician with decades of clinical and health system management experience, Dr. Katz brings credibility to VA healthcare advocacy that a career politician cannot match.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Dr. Katz has specifically called for an advanced VA facility in southern Delaware — it's on his platform
- As a physician, Dr. Katz understands what veterans need from healthcare — not just talking points, but clinical expertise
- Kent and Sussex County veterans shouldn't have to drive hours for specialty care

- After 16 years, where is Coons' VA facility for southern Delaware?

SOURCES: Dr. Mike Katz — Veterans Platform · Coons.senate.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 is currently scheduled. Coons' position frames executive military authority as requiring pre-authorization from Congress, which effectively telegraphs strategic limitations to adversaries. Congress remains out of session Sunday; no new statements or co-sponsor activity detected.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports strong Commander-in-Chief authority, per his defense platform, and believes tying the President's hands on Iran through legislative pre-authorization emboldens Tehran and endangers American forces in the region. He opposes efforts to constrain rapid military response capability against state sponsors of terrorism.

• TALKING POINTS

- Coons wants to tell Iran in advance what America can and can't do militarily — that's not strategy, it's surrender
- Dr. Katz supports strong Commander-in-Chief authority to protect American forces and interests
- The President needs flexibility to respond to Iranian threats in real time, not after a Senate debate
- War powers matter — but so does not telegraphing weakness to the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism
- Coons' approach prioritizes process over protecting American lives

SOURCES: Senate Foreign Relations Committee · Coons.senate.gov

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GOVERNMENT REFORM / FOREIGN AFFAIRS **UPDATED**

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

Coons has continued his vocal opposition to DOGE-driven workforce reduction plans targeting the State Department and USAID, now entering a seventh week of sustained public messaging. Coons has characterized these reductions as 'hollowing out' American diplomacy and foreign aid capacity. No new floor statements or press releases detected Sunday, but the messaging pattern is well-established and expected to resume Monday.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports an efficient and effective State Department focused on advancing American interests, consistent with his platform commitment to fiscal responsibility. He believes foreign aid spending should be scrutinized with the same rigor as any other federal expenditure, and that USAID's track record includes significant waste that warrants reform — not blanket protection.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- Seven weeks of Coons defending every USAID bureaucrat — where's his plan to cut foreign aid waste?
- Dr. Katz supports smart diplomacy and fiscal responsibility — reform isn't destruction
- American taxpayers deserve accountability for every foreign aid dollar — Coons wants a blank check
- Streamlining State Department operations doesn't mean abandoning diplomacy
- Coons' position: protect every government job, question no spending — that's not leadership

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

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UKRAINE / FOREIGN AID

[STAFF VERIFY] Ukraine Supplemental Aid — Sunday Status Check

Coons has been one of the Senate's most vocal advocates for continued military and economic assistance to Ukraine. Staff should verify Sunday whether any new supplemental aid package language has been introduced, whether the Administration has signaled any shift in Ukraine funding posture, and whether Coons has made any weekend media appearances addressing the issue. Monitor Sunday show transcripts and social media.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports American national security interests and believes any foreign aid — including Ukraine assistance — must be evaluated against domestic priorities, fiscal constraints, and clear strategic objectives. Per his platform commitment to fiscal responsibility, he believes open-ended commitments without measurable benchmarks do not serve American interests.

- **TALKING POINTS**

- Every dollar sent abroad is a dollar not invested in Delaware's infrastructure, veterans, or border security
- Dr. Katz supports clear benchmarks and accountability for any foreign aid, including Ukraine
- Coons writes blank checks for foreign aid while Delaware roads, schools, and VA facilities need funding
- Supporting allies is important — but so is fiscal discipline and strategic clarity

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

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SENATE DEMOCRAT CAUCUS WATCH

HOMELAND SECURITY / FISCAL POLICY

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

Senate Democrats are expected to use 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 funding. The caucus strategy involves framing enforcement funding as 'wasteful' while proposing redirecting resources toward asylum processing and alternatives to detention. Coons, as a loyal caucus member, is expected to align with this positioning. No new developments Sunday with Congress out of session.

⚡ **KATZ CONTRAST POINT:** Dr. Katz supports full DHS and ICE funding for border security and interior enforcement, per his platform commitment to secure borders and strong ICE operations. He opposes Democratic caucus efforts to defund or restrict immigration enforcement through the appropriations process, and believes Delaware communities are safer when immigration laws are enforced.

- **TALKING POINTS**

- Senate Democrats want to cut ICE funding and weaken border security — Coons will vote with his caucus
- Dr. Katz supports full funding for DHS, ICE, and TSA to keep Americans safe
- Redirecting enforcement dollars to asylum processing is a backdoor open-borders policy
- Delaware communities deserve a Senator who funds public safety, not undermines it
- Coons won't break from Schumer on enforcement — he's a caucus vote, not an independent voice

ELECTION INTEGRITY / IMMIGRATION

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

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 continue to oppose the bill, framing it as voter suppression targeting minority and low-income voters. No Senate Democrat has indicated support. Coons has not made a specific public statement on the SAVE Act but is expected to vote with his caucus against it. No new developments Sunday.

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

• TALKING POINTS

- Dr. Katz believes only U.S. citizens should vote in U.S. elections — why won't Coons say the same?
- The SAVE Act requires proof of citizenship to register — that's common sense, not suppression
- Senate Democrats are filibustering election integrity to protect a broken system
- Polls consistently show 70%+ of Americans support voter citizenship verification — Coons is on the wrong side
- Coons will vote with Schumer to block the SAVE Act — Delaware voters should know that

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), Delaware corporate flight/business climate erosion, legislative ineffectiveness (zero cosponsors across entire Q1-Q2 portfolio), and 27+ days of silence on National Guard border deployment. Sunday is a good day for the campaign team to review weekly contrast themes and prepare Monday's messaging calendar.

• **TALKING POINTS**

- 16 years in office, six stalled bills, zero cosponsors — Coons' record speaks for itself
- Dr. Katz brings real-world experience: physician, business owner, state legislator who passed real bills
- Delaware needs a Senator who fights for Delaware — not a caucus vote for Chuck Schumer
- Katz vs. Coons: results vs. rhetoric, reform vs. status quo

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

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