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## Attention Forensic Science Practitioner

### Encourage your Member of Congress to join the Congressional Forensic Science Caucus

The 119<sup>th</sup> Congress (2025-2027) has started, and there has been significant movement on budgets. Almost 20% of the Members of Congress are new and don't have the background or in some cases the significance of forensics within our justice system. To help, Congressman Guest (R-MS) and Congressman Cleaver (D-MO) have again created a "Congressional Forensic Science Caucus". Below is their description of the caucus and its mission:

*The Congressional Forensic Science Caucus is an informal Congressional Member of Congress group dedicated to issues related for forensic science and education other Members on this subject. The purpose of this bipartisan caucus is to educate Members of Congress on matters critical to the criminal justice system that pertain to forensics science and to advocate for legislation that ensures the sciences' continuous advancement, wide availability to investigators and litigants, and compliance with the highest standards of quality assurance. Forensic science capabilities are changing rapidly, and Congress is often presented with legislation that addresses, for expel, the needs for further research, analyst training, and the implementation of new instrumentation and standards for its use. Our caucus serves as a forum to facilitate important information about these relevant topics and work to advance these significant issues."*

Please contact your Member of Congress' legislative staff (<https://thecfso.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/List-of-119-Congress-Contacts.pdf>) and ask them to contact Congressman Guest or Congressman Cleaver to become a Member of the Congressional Forensic Science Caucus of the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress. Please provide your Congressional office with the following points of contact:

Rep. Michael Guest: Milton Robinson  
Rep. Cleaver: Devin Kelsey

Thank you,

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CFSO Chair  
on behalf of the CFSO Board of Directors