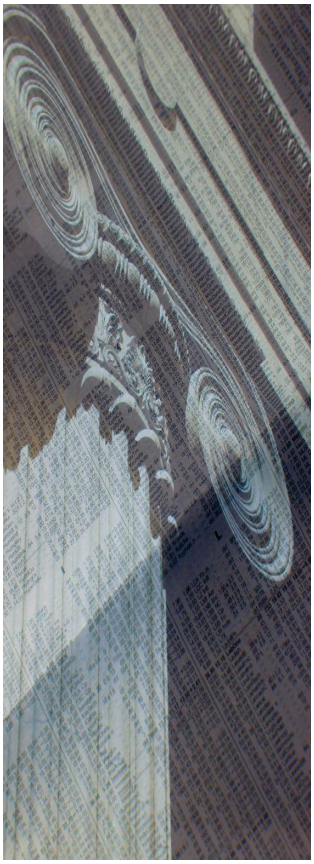


CONSORTIUM OF FORENSIC SCIENCE ORGANIZATIONS (CFSO)

ELECTION BRIEF

NOVEMBER 2026

The mission of the CFSO is to speak with a single forensic science voice on behalf of its member organizations on matters of mutual interest regarding forensic science, to influence public policy at the national level, and to make a compelling case for greater federal funding for public crime laboratories and medical examiner and coroner offices. The primary focus of the CFSO is national, state, & local policymakers, as well as the United States Congress.

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FEDERAL ELECTIONS

The 2026 midterm elections will take place on November 3. Although the results remain uncertain, significant turnover is expected on committees relevant to the forensic science community.

If Democrats win control of the House, current Democratic ranking members would be positioned to lead these key committees, including Jamie Raskin (MD) on Judiciary, Frank Pallone (NJ) on Energy and Commerce, and Rosa DeLauro (CT) on Appropriations. Grace Meng (NY), the ranking member of the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, would also be positioned to lead that subcommittee. As of now, Democrats are favored to win the 218 seats needed for a House majority.

Democrats would also need a net gain of four seats to win control of the Senate, with seven races rated as toss-ups. If Democrats win the Senate, current Democratic ranking members would be positioned to lead key committees, including Maria Cantwell (WA) on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Bernie Sanders (VT) on HELP, and Patty Murray (WA) on Appropriations. The Senate Judiciary Committee would also have new Democratic leadership, as current ranking member Dick Durbin (IL) is retiring.

The lists below identify members who will not be returning to Congress and members whose seats are at risk. Because committee assignments will not be finalized until February or March 2027, we will prepare a full report after the election, when the results and their implications are clearer.

House Judiciary Committee

Not Returning (14):

Darrell Issa (CA), Thomas Massie (KY), Troy Nehls (TX), Harriet Hageman (WY), Wesley Hunt (TX), Thomas Tiffany (WI), Chip Roy (TX), Barry Moore (AL), Andy Biggs (AZ), Daniel Goldman (NY), Jerrold Nadler (NY), Jesus Garcia (IL), Jasmine Crockett (TX), Steve Cohen (TN)

Vulnerable (1):

Jared Moskowitz (FL)

Senate Judiciary Committee

Not Returning (3):

John Cornyn (TX), Richard Durbin (IL), Thomas Tillis (NC)

Vulnerable (1):

Darline Graham (SC)

House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

Not Returning (4):

Darrell Issa (CA), Mike Collins (GA), Haley Stevens (MI), Daniel Webster (FL)

Vulnerable (1):

Nick Begich (AK)

Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation

Not Returning (2):

Gary Peters (MI), Cynthia Lummis (WY)

Vulnerable (1):

Dan Sullivan (AK)

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

Not Returning (3):

Bill Cassidy (LA), Tommy Tuberville (AL), Alan Armstrong (OK)

Vulnerable (3):

Susan Collins (ME), Roger Marshall (KS), Jon Husted (OH)

House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Not Returning (8):

Earl "Buddy" Carter (GA), Neal Dunn (FL), Dan Crenshaw (TX), John James (MI), Diana DeGette (CO), Janice Schakowsky (IL), Marc Veasey (TX), Robin Kelly (IL)

Vulnerable (4):

Kathy Castor (FL), Gabe Evans (CO), Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA), Thomas Kean (NJ)

House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Not Returning (0):

No changes identified

Vulnerable (0):

No changes identified

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Not Returning (2):

Jeanne Shaheen (NH), Gary Peters (MI)

Vulnerable (2):

Susan Collins (ME), Darline Graham (SC)

House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

Not Returning (4):

Julia Letlow (LA), Chuck Edwards (NC), Steny Hoyer (MD), Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ)

Vulnerable (0):

No changes identified

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

Not Returning (2):

Richard Durbin (IL), Jeanne Shaheen (NH)

Vulnerable (2):

Darline Graham (SC), Jon Husted (OH)