



THE SOUTH CAROLINA BLUES FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

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Introducing South Carolina's New Representatives

In another state? I will gladly email you a picture and bio for your new congressional members.



Joe Cunningham

**Attorney and Ocean Engineer
Representing District 01**

Joe Cunningham proudly represents South Carolina's first congressional district. The first district encompasses South Carolina's Lowcountry, including Charleston, Mt. Pleasant, Kiawah, and Hilton Head. Joe is a proud father and husband and is serving his first term in the United States Congress.

Prior to his election to Congress, Joe was an attorney and an ocean engineer. In Congress, Joe's priorities include reinstating the ban on offshore drilling off the Atlantic coast, reducing the cost of healthcare, protecting and creating Lowcountry jobs, combating climate change and investing in renewable resources.

As a former ocean engineer, Joe knows firsthand how destructive drilling for oil can be to a coastline and is committed to protecting South Carolina's coastline and economy from offshore drilling. Joe has spent his life working with others to get things done and is committed to breaking through the political tribalism facing Washington.

Joe attended the College of Charleston, obtained his B.S. in Ocean Engineering from Florida Atlantic University in 2005, and his J.D. from Northern Kentucky University in 2014. He currently lives in West Ashley with his wife, Amanda, their son, Boone, and their dog, Teddy.



William Timmons

**Attorney and Entrepreneur
Representing District 06**

In four years with the 13th Circuit Solicitor's office, Timmons prosecuted crimes including murder, white-collar crime and domestic violence. Concerned that domestic violence victims were not being well-served by the court's processes, he helped create a centralized DV court for domestic violence cases in Greenville County. Timmons owns multiple small businesses: Swamp Rabbit CrossFit, Timmons & Company, LLC, and Soul Yoga.

A native of Greenville, Timmons attended George Washington University, where he earned a degree in International Affairs and Political Science, and the University of South Carolina, completing his law degree and at the same time, earning a Masters in International Studies.

A lifelong and active member of Greenville's Christ Church, Timmons also has served his community as a board member for Pendleton Place for Children and Families, the American Red Cross, the Upstate Heart Ball, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Upstate.

William was recently commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the South Carolina Army National Guard as a JAG Officer. He is currently assigned to the 263rd Army Air Missile Defense Command in Anderson, South Carolina.

Volunteer Opportunity for PAC Members

The 26th Annual SC Legislative Softball Game is coming up on March 27, 2019. PAC Members and their families are invited to attend but we are also looking for members who want to volunteer during the event. If interested, please send an email to sdbluesfedpac@bcbsc.com. Opportunities include things such as handing out gifts to attendees and welcoming people to the event.

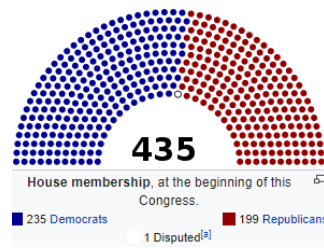
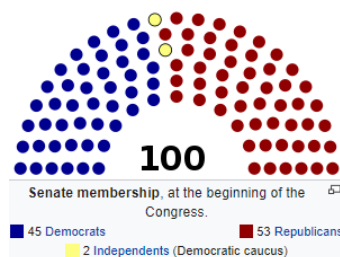


A New Congress

A new congress began on January 3, 2019 making it the 116th Congress. The first day followed pretty established routines for both chambers.

Senate Routine

- Sworn in by the Vice President.
- Photography is prohibited in the Senate Chamber; therefore, re-enacted swearing in pictures are taken afterwards.
- Election of the President Pro Tempore and other officers and as well as the assignment of desks in the chamber.
- Adopts an organizing resolution to set procedures for next two years.
- Pending legislation from previous Congress expired so many bills and resolutions are reintroduced.
- Maiden speeches are made throughout the next few weeks from new Members.



House Routine

- Clerk of preceding Congress calls body to order, takes attendance, and presides over election of the next Speaker.
- New Speaker is sworn in by Dean of the House who will administer the oath of office to all other Members.
- New Members then vote on the Rules of the House and the House Officers.
- House informs President and Senate that they are ready to legislate.

UPCOMING PAC EVENTS

Lunch ‘n Learn @ Percival
Wednesday, January 23, 2019

**26th Annual
SC Legislative Softball Game**
Wednesday, March 27, 2019

RSVP via the PAC website

<https://sclubesfedpac.com/SitePages/Events.aspx>

WHAT IS THE SC BLUES FEDPAC?

The SC Blues FedPAC provides us a platform to speak to lawmakers — in a unified voice that they will hear. It gives BlueCross a stronger voice in Washington. It also gives employees a way to participate in the political process. SC Blues FedPAC contributes to candidates and elected officials who support BlueCross’ interests and businesses, regardless of party affiliation. Participation in the PAC is completely voluntary and is not favored or disadvantaged in anyone’s employment because of a decision to participate, the amount of participation, or a decision to not contribute at all.

