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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



**MATT SCHLAPP**  
CHAIRMAN, CPAC

The CPAC Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our Ratings of the States. Like our Ratings of Congress, CPAC's Foundation's Ratings of the States are meant to reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. We begin with our philosophy (conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person) and then apply the proper role of government (its essential role is to defend Life, Liberty and Property).


The Left has stormed our nation's corridors of power to take control over the lives of every American. Now, they have set their sights on the states, freedom's last line of defense.

President Lincoln once said, "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." The Left's agenda dismantles the vision of our founders when they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

We hope these Ratings will empower each and every American to hold their officials accountable and to rally behind the conservative champions who defend our freedoms in statehouses around the country.

Sincerely,

Matt Schlapp  
Chairman, CPAC

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The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the CPAC Foundation, is the premier organization for holding lawmakers accountable. The CLA produces the longest-running conservative congressional scorecard and our state program is the only one in the nation that scores all 8,000 lawmakers in the 50 states across every policy area.

In 1971, ACUF launched its Ratings of Congress to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the voting records of every Member of Congress. The Ratings quickly became considered the “gold standard” and over the following decades have been utilized by activists, voters, academics and elected officials to determine which lawmakers best adhere to conservative principles.

In 2011, these Ratings were expanded into state legislatures as part of a five-state pilot program. By 2015, Ratings of the States grew to include all 50 states and all 99 legislative chambers. Today, the CLA annually analyzes over 105,000 pieces of legislation to issue scores for all of America’s federal and state lawmakers and presents awards to lawmakers who score 80% or better in recognition of their conservative voting records.

In order to depict how closely a lawmaker adheres to conservative principles, the CLA selects from the full spectrum of issues relating to the economy, culture, national security and government integrity. Some key areas include taxation, spending, education, labor, licensure, regulation, environment, life, free speech, Second Amendment rights, foreign aid, defense priorities and global organizations, including the United Nations. All congressional and state analyses are conducted after the adjournment of a legislative session to ensure that no issue is neglected.

To determine legislative rankings, the CLA annually evaluates over 105,000 bills that were introduced in Congress and every convening state legislature running from January 1 to December 31.

Of those bills, the CLA ultimately selects roughly 2,000 pieces of legislation that best illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The CLA calculates individual scores for a total of nearly 8,000 federal and state lawmakers based on over 157,000 votes cast on the 2,000 bills selected.

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# 90-100% - AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE

## Senate

Richard Cash  
Thomas Corbin  
Ronnie Cromer\*  
Mike Reichenbach\*  
Daniel Verdin

## House

Thomas Beach\*  
James Burns  
April Cromer\*  
Robert Harris  
Stewart Jones\*  
Jay Kilmartin\*  
Josiah Magnuson\*  
RJ May\*  
Donald McCabe Jr.  
Adam Morgan\*

\*Perfect 100%

T. Alan Morgan\*  
Jordan Pace\*  
Ashley Trantham\*  
Joe White\*



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# 80-89% - AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

## Senate

Thomas Alexander  
Sean Bennett  
Wes Climer  
Billy Garrett  
Lawrence Grooms  
Michael Johnson  
Josh Kimbrell  
Dwight Loftis  
A. Shane Massey

Harvey Peeler  
Scott Talley  
Ross Turner  
Tom Young

## House

David O'Neal  
Melissa Oremus





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# SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE  
**56%**

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

**78%**



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

**16%**



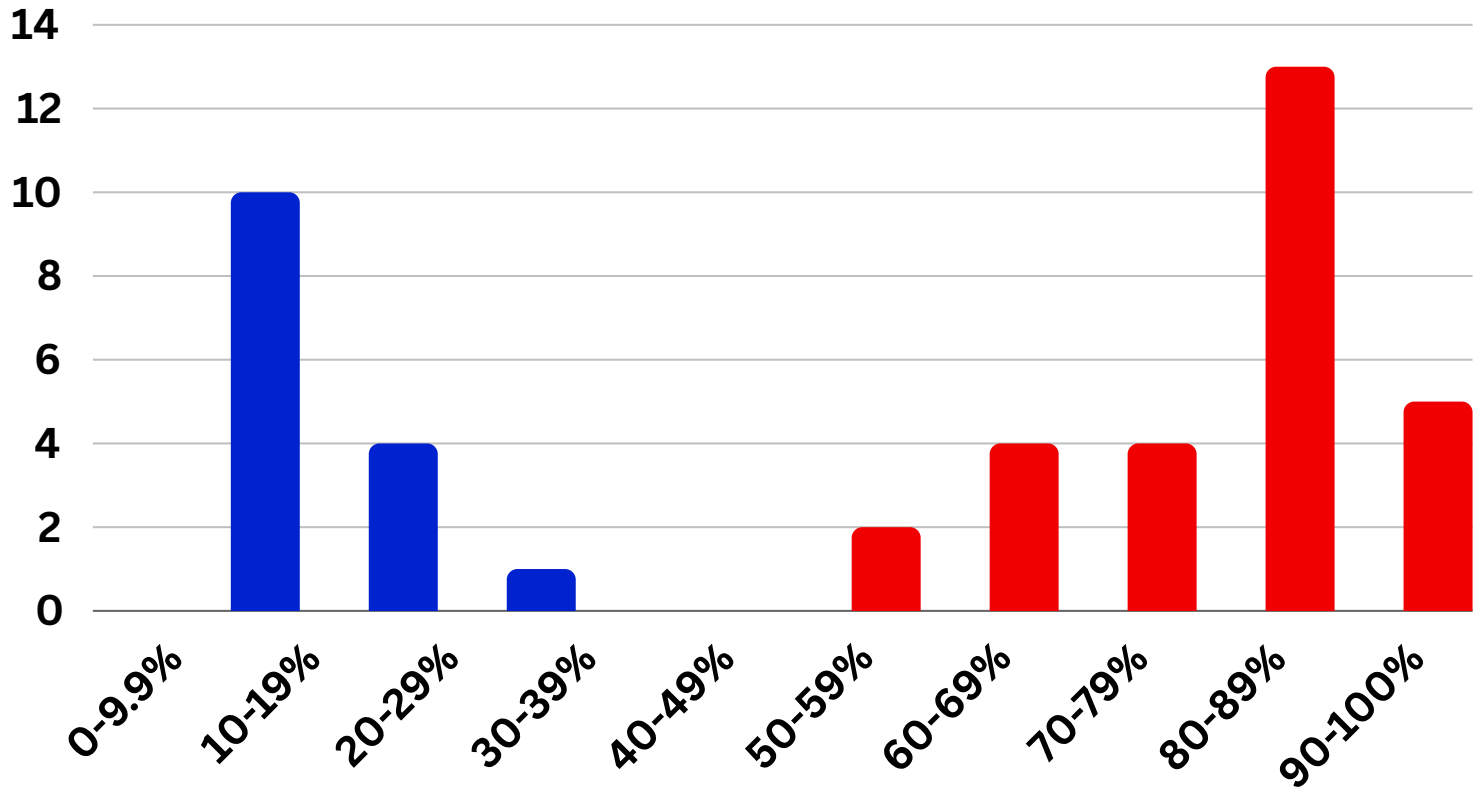
LOWEST REPUBLICAN  
**SANDY SENN**  
**50%**



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT  
**GERALD MALLOY**  
**33%**



■ Democrat (16 Members)    ■ Republican (30 Members)





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# SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE  
**51%**

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

**65%**



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

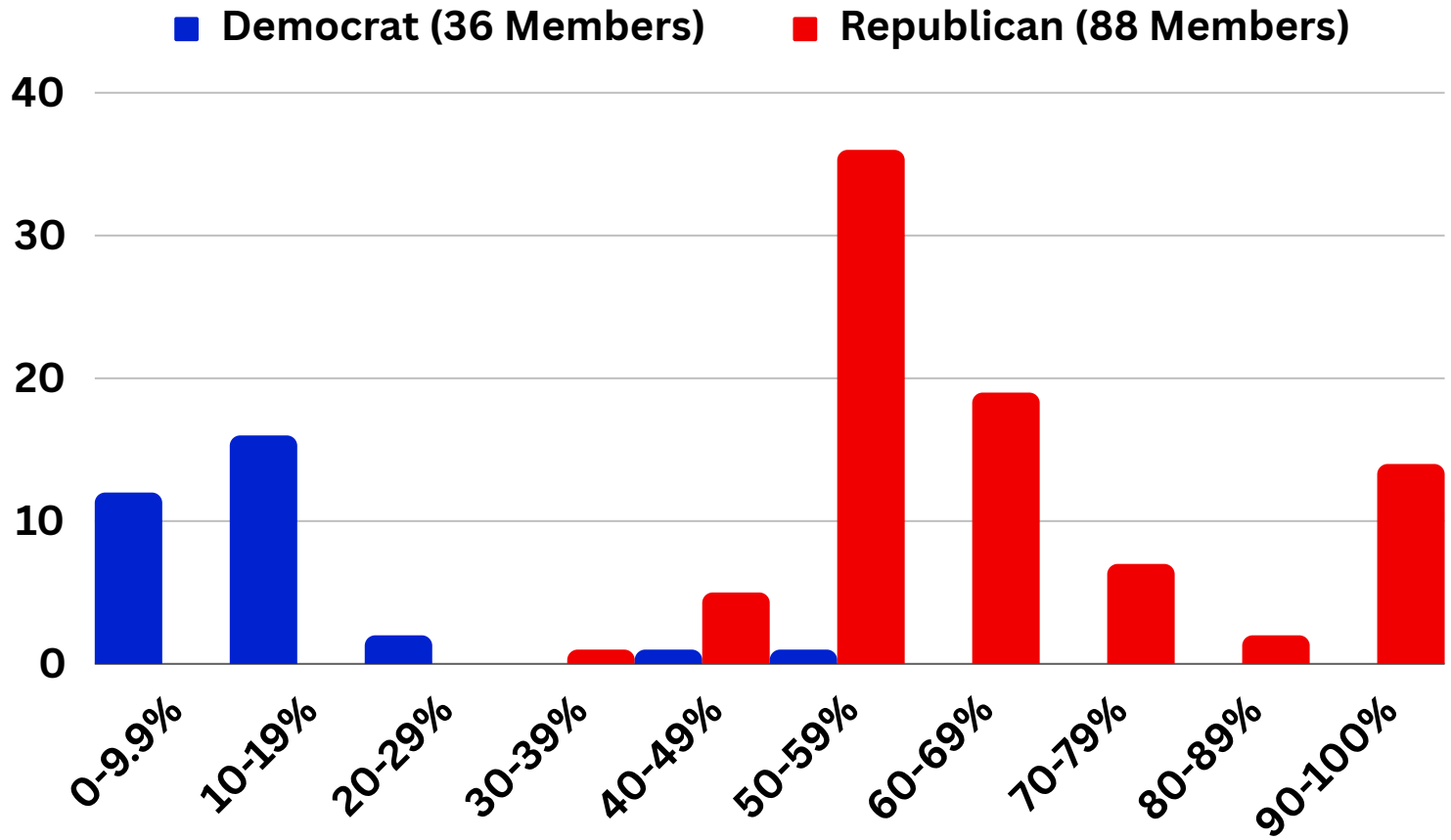
**15%**



LOWEST REPUBLICAN  
**JERRY CARTER**  
**33%**



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT  
**JACKIE HAYES**  
**50%**





	Party	2023%	2022%	Life time%	H 3594	H 3604	H 3278	H 3774	S 39	S 164	S 284	S 285	S 474	S 576
Brian Adams	R	78%	79%	78%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	x
Thomas Alexander	R	80%	69%	47%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Karl Allen	D	10%	21%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Sean Bennett	R	80%	77%	57%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
George Campsen, III	R	63%	77%	58%	-	-	+	x	+	x	-	+	+	+
Richard Cash	R	90%	86%	77%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Wes Climer	R	80%	93%	71%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Thomas Corbin	R	90%	79%	68%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Ronnie Cromer	R	100%	77%	53%	+	x	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	+
Tom Davis	R	60%	60%	62%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
Mike Fanning	D	13%	42%	29%	x	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	x
Michael Gambrell	R	N/A	67%	55%	x	x	+	+	+	+	-	x	+	x
Billy Garrett	R	80%	79%	79%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Stephen Goldfinch	R	N/A	64%	55%	x	x	x	x	+	x	x	x	+	+
Lawrence Grooms	R	80%	75%	65%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Penry Gustafson	R	60%	N/A	66%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+
Richard Harpootlian	D	14%	N/A	25%	-	-	x	-	x	+	-	x	-	-
Greg Hembree	R	70%	62%	51%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
Brad Hutto	D	13%	25%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	x	-	x
Darrell Jackson	D	22%	25%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	x
Kevin Johnson	D	22%	23%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	x	-	+
Michael Johnson	R	80%	86%	81%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Josh Kimbrell	R	80%	85%	81%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+

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# SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE SCORES

	Party	2023%	2022%	Life time%	H 3594	H 3604	H 3278	H 3774	S 39	S 164	S 284	S 285	S 474	S 576
Marlon Kimpson	D	N/A	N/A	18%	x	x	x	-	-	+	-	x	-	x
Dwight Loftis	R	80%	86%	68%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Gerald Malloy	D	33%	33%	28%	-	-	x	-	-	+	-	+	-	+
Shane Martin	R	78%	73%	69%	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	x
A. Shane Massey	R	80%	86%	71%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Margie Matthews	D	20%	10%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
J. Thomas McElveen, III	D	25%	23%	22%	-	-	x	-	x	+	-	-	-	+
Mia McLeod	D	11%	9%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	x
Harvey Peeler, Jr.	R	80%	77%	60%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Luke Rankin	R	60%	N/A	37%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
Mike Reichenbach	R	100%	85%	93%	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rex Rice	R	78%	86%	67%	+	-	+	+	x	+	-	+	+	+
Ronnie Sabb	D	10%	27%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
John Scott	D	10%	27%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Sandy Senn	R	50%	N/A	40%	+	-	x	-	+	+	-	x	-	+
Nikki Setzler	D	14%	18%	22%	-	-	x	-	-	x	-	x	-	+
Katrina Shealy	R	56%	64%	57%	+	-	x	-	+	+	-	+	-	+
Vernon Stephens	D	10%	15%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Scott Talley	R	86%	80%	65%	+	x	+	+	+	+	-	x	+	x
Ross Turner	R	88%	69%	59%	+	-	+	x	+	+	x	+	+	+
Daniel Verdin, III	R	90%	85%	61%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Kent Williams	D	13%	29%	24%	-	-	x	-	-	+	-	-	-	x
Tom Young, Jr.	R	80%	71%	64%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+

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### **H 3594 Attempt to Pass Constitutional Carry in South Carolina.**

This bill authorizes law-abiding adults to carry a concealed pistol on their person without needing to first receive a permit. CPAC supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The Senate voted to place this bill on the calendar on May 9, 2023 by a vote of 24-18 but the bill did not progress any further.

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### **H 3604 Gargantuan Crony Financial Incentive Bill for Scout Motors' EV Factory.**

This bill approves a massive \$1,300,000,000 incentive package to help Scout Motors build an electric vehicle factory near Blythewood, South Carolina. While much of this funding will go toward building up infrastructure around the site, an estimated \$400,000,000 will go straight to Scout Motors to help them build the factory. This project is projected to create somewhere around 4,000 jobs, meaning that the state is spending about \$325,000 per job. CPAC opposes this crony corporatism and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 14, 2023 by a vote of 36-4 and the bill later became law.

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### **H 3728 Attempt to Crack Down on CRT in Public Education.**

The Senate version of this bill passes several provisions furthering conservative agenda items that concern public education. For example, it prohibits the teaching of certain divisive principles to students. These include those that state that one is inherently racist because of their race or that state that meritocracy is racist. The bill also prevents teachers and students from being required to attend trainings or presentations on gender and sexual orientation. Furthermore, the bill requires that many of the teaching materials used by school districts be posted on the school's website. CPAC supports efforts to diminish the usage of CRT and CRT-adjacent principles in education, supports transparency in education, supports parental rights in education, and supported this bill. The Senate passed its version of this bill on May 10, 2023 by a vote of 27-10 but the Senate and the House never reconciled their versions of this bill.

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### **H 3774 Strong Attempt to Protect Life.**

This bill attempts to ban abortion completely within the state of South Carolina. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, supports efforts to restrict the practice, and supported this bill. The Senate failed to invoke cloture on this bill on April 27, 2023 by a vote of 21-22.

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### **S 39 Funding Students, Not Systems, in South Carolina.**

This bill establishes the Education Scholarship Trust Fund Program, the likes of which will provide parents with \$6,000 in funds such that they may more easily send their children to schools that better suit their needs. CPAC supports school choice and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on January 31, 2023 by a vote of 28-15 and the bill later became law.





### **S 164 Major Certificate of Need Reform.**

This bill allows almost every type of healthcare facility in South Carolina to operate without a certificate of need. Under this law, nursing homes and hospitals will still require this certificate. Even so, CPAC supports substantial certificate of need reform and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on May 3, 2023 by a vote of 43-0 and the bill later became law.

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### **S 284 Forcing Taxpayers to Pay for Other People's Housing.**

This bill expands the uses of the local accommodations tax such that the proceeds from it may now be used in order to develop workforce housing and promote home ownership. CPAC opposes government involvement in the housing market and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 11, 2023 by a vote of 41-2 and the bill later became law.

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### **S 285 Attempt to Promote School Choice.**

This bill attempts to provide income tax credits to individuals who contribute to scholarship-funding organizations. This measure will help parents send their children to the schools that best fit their needs. CPAC supports school choice and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 15, 2023 by a vote of 28-9 but the bill stalled in the House.

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### **S 474 Protecting Life by Limiting the Number of Abortions that May be Performed in South Carolina.**

This bill prohibits physicians from performing an abortion on unborn babies that have a heartbeat. It additionally imposes steep penalties on physicians who break this law. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice, and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 23, 2023 by a vote of 27-19 and the bill later became law.

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### **S 576 No Land for Foreign Governments in South Carolina.**

This bill prohibits foreign adversaries and corporations owned by foreign adversaries from acquiring an interest in real property within the state of South Carolina. CPAC supports appropriate efforts to further the US' security interests and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 23, 2023 by a vote of 31-5 but the bill stalled in the House.



# SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE SCORES

	Party	2023%	2022%	Life time%	H 3594	H 3604	H 3690	H3726 (Amd. 13)	H 3728	H 3774	H 4020	H4300 (Amd. 34)	H4300 (Amd. 71)	S 39	S 164	S 284	S 474
Terry Alexander	D	N/A	N/A	15%	x	x	x	x	-	-	x	x	x	x	+	x	-
Carl Anderson	D	18%	27%	21%	-	-	+	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Lucas Atkinson	D	44%	44%	44%	+	-	+	x	-	x	x	-	-	x	+	-	+
William Bailey	R	54%	67%	60%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Nathan Ballentine	R	58%	N/A	60%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	x	+	+
Justin Bamberg	D	N/A	38%	27%	x	x	+	-	x	x	-	-	x	-	+	x	-
Bruce Bannister	R	54%	67%	55%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Heather Bauer	D	8%	N/A	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Thomas Beach	R	100%	N/A	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	+
Beth Bernstein	D	9%	17%	22%	x	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	+	-	-
Bart Blackwell	R	54%	78%	56%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Jeffrey Bradley	R	67%	75%	59%	+	-	x	x	+	+	x	-	-	+	+	x	+
Gary Brewer	R	58%	N/A	58%	+	x	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Thomas Brittain Jr.	R	55%	59%	57%	+	-	+	x	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	x
James Burns	R	92%	88%	69%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Joseph Bustos	R	58%	67%	60%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	x	+
Paula Calhoon	R	58%	72%	62%	+	-	+	-	+	x	-	-	-	+	+	+	+
Jerry Carter	R	33%	67%	49%	+	-	+	x	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Micajah Caskey	R	N/A	94%	66%	+	-	+	-	x	x	x	-	-	x	+	+	x
Don Chapman	R	58%	N/A	58%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	x	+	+	+
William Chumley	R	N/A	89%	76%	+	x	x	x	x	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+
William Clyburn	D	18%	17%	23%	-	-	+	x	-	-	x	-	-	-	+	-	-
Glida Cobb-Hunter	D	9%	11%	18%	-	-	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Neal Collins	R	N/A	67%	54%	+	x	+	x	x	+	-	-	x	-	+	-	x
Ben Connell	R	55%	N/A	55%	+	x	+	-	x	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+

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Bobby Cox	R	75%	71%	71%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	x	+
Brandon Cox	R	60%	N/A	60%	+	-	x	-	+	+	x	-	-	+	+	x	+
Heather Crawford	R	64%	72%	59%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	x	+	+	x	+
April Cromer	R	100%	N/A	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sylleste Davis	R	54%	84%	64%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Chandra Dillard	D	15%	13%	20%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Jason Elliott	R	58%	79%	61%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	x	+
Shannon Erickson	R	50%	63%	58%	+	-	+	-	x	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
R. Raye Felder	R	45%	68%	61%	+	-	+	-	+	+	x	-	-	-	+	-	x
Cally Forrest	R	62%	79%	65%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+
Craig Gagnon	R	58%	79%	59%	+	-	+	x	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Kambrell Garvin	D	20%	6%	18%	-	x	+	x	-	-	x	-	-	-	+	-	-
Gil Gatch	R	40%	64%	52%	x	-	+	-	+	x	-	-	-	x	+	-	+
Daniel Gibson	R	62%	N/A	62%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Leon Gilliam	R	62%	89%	73%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Wendell Gilliard	D	18%	13%	20%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	x	x
Val Guest	R	54%	N/A	54%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Brandon Guffey	R	62%	N/A	62%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Patrick Haddon	R	73%	89%	80%	+	x	+	x	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+
Bill Hager	R	54%	N/A	54%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Kevin Hardee	R	67%	71%	58%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	x	-	+	+	+	+
Robert Harris	R	91%	N/A	91%	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	-	+	+	x
Christopher Hart	D	N/A	N/A	32%	x	-	x	x	-	-	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Tom Hartnett	R	45%	N/A	45%	+	-	+	-	x	x	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Jackie Hayes	D	50%	47%	41%	+	-	+	x	x	+	x	-	-	-	+	-	+

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Rosalyn Henderson-Myers	D	10%	24%	22%	-	-	+	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-
Patricia Henegan	D	11%	17%	19%	-	-	x	x	-	x	-	-	-	x	+	-	-
William Herbkersman	R	50%	61%	54%	x	-	+	x	+	+	-	-	-	x	+	-	+
Lee Hewitt	R	54%	68%	57%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
David Hiott	R	64%	84%	62%	+	-	+	x	+	+	x	-	-	+	+	-	+
William Hixon	R	55%	68%	58%	+	-	x	-	+	+	x	-	-	+	+	-	+
Lonnie Hosey	D	9%	18%	22%	-	-	x	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	+	-	-
Leon Howard	D	22%	N/A	23%	-	-	+	x	-	-	-	-	x	x	+	x	-
Max Hyde, Jr.	R	58%	68%	56%	+	-	+	x	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Joseph Jefferson, Jr.	D	15%	12%	20%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Jeffrey Johnson	R	60%	69%	59%	+	-	x	x	+	+	x	-	-	+	+	-	+
Jermaine Johnson Sr.	D	8%	8%	7%	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Stewart Jones	R	100%	88%	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wendell Jones	D	15%	N/A	15%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Wallace Jordan, Jr.	R	62%	63%	53%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+
Jay Kilmartin	R	100%	N/A	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
John King	D	17%	12%	21%	-	-	+	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Roger Kirby	D	8%	27%	27%	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Kathy Landing	R	67%	N/A	67%	+	-	+	x	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+
Brian Lawson	R	62%	N/A	62%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Matthew Leber	R	70%	N/A	70%	+	-	+	x	+	x	x	-	-	+	+	+	+
Thomas Ligon	R	54%	65%	56%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Steven Long	R	75%	89%	78%	+	-	+	x	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Phillip Lowe	R	62%	63%	62%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+
Josiah Magnuson	R	100%	89%	82%	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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RJ May	R	100%	N/A	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Donald McCabe Jr.	R	92%	94%	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
John McCravy, III	R	77%	95%	69%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Annie McDaniel	D	15%	11%	19%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Timothy McGinnis	R	73%	65%	65%	+	-	+	x	+	+	-	x	-	+	+	+	+
Cody Mitchell	R	58%	N/A	58%	+	-	+	x	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
JA Moore	D	N/A	N/A	26%	x	x	+	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	+	-	-
Travis Moore	R	58%	N/A	58%	+	-	+	x	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Adam Morgan	R	100%	94%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
T. Alan Morgan	R	100%	N/A	100%	+	x	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Dennis Moss	R	54%	74%	60%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Chris Murphy	R	45%	64%	60%	+	-	+	-	x	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	x
Mike Neese	R	55%	N/A	55%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	x	+	x	+
Brandon Newton	R	54%	68%	57%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Weston Newton	R	54%	67%	53%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Roger Nutt	R	69%	84%	73%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+
David O'Neal	R	85%	N/A	85%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Melissa Oremus	R	85%	89%	85%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Russell Ott	D	18%	24%	30%	+	-	+	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-
Jordan Pace	R	100%	N/A	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	+
Fawn Pedalino	R	64%	N/A	64%	+	-	+	x	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	x	+
Marvin Pendarvis	D	9%	18%	20%	x	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-
Thomas Pope	R	50%	67%	55%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	x
Michael Rivers, Sr.	D	15%	11%	18%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Robby Robbins	R	54%	N/A	54%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+

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Seth Rose	D	15%	21%	19%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
J. Todd Rutherford	D	17%	14%	23%	-	-	+	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	+	-	-
William Sandifer, III	R	54%	63%	57%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Carla Schuessler	R	50%	N/A	50%	+	-	+	-	x	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Heath Sessions	R	70%	N/A	70%	+	x	x	+	+	+	x	-	-	+	+	-	+
Garry Smith	R	55%	93%	67%	+	-	x	-	+	+	x	-	-	+	+	-	+
Marvin Smith	R	54%	83%	73%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Leonidas Stavrakis	D	8%	12%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	+	-	-
Bill Taylor	R	50%	78%	63%	x	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Deon Tedder	D	8%	11%	10%	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Anne Thayer	R	62%	78%	72%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+
Ivory Thigpen	D	0%	N/A	20%	x	-	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-
Ashley Trantham	R	100%	94%	77%	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
David Vaughan	R	55%	N/A	55%	+	-	+	x	+	x	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
J. David Weeks	D	18%	36%	29%	-	-	+	x	-	-	x	-	-	-	+	-	-
John West	R	45%	72%	56%	x	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	x	+	-	+
Elizabeth Wetmore	D	9%	11%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	+	-	x
William Wheeler, III	D	18%	38%	26%	-	-	+	-	-	x	x	-	-	-	+	-	-
Joe White	R	100%	N/A	100%	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
William Whitmire	R	67%	72%	61%	+	-	+	x	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+
Robert Williams	D	8%	22%	22%	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Mark Willis	R	55%	79%	63%	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	x	-	x	+	-	+
Chris Wooten	R	64%	94%	66%	+	-	+	-	+	x	x	-	-	+	+	+	+
Richard Yow	R	N/A	83%	64%	+	-	+	x	+	+	x	x	-	x	+	x	+

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### **H 3594 Attempt to Pass Constitutional Carry in South Carolina.**

This bill authorizes law-abiding adults to carry a concealed pistol on their person without needing to first receive a permit. CPAC supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on February 23, 2023 by a vote of 87-26 but the bill stalled in the Senate.

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### **H 3604 Gargantuan Crony Financial Incentive Bill for Scout Motors' EV Factory.**

This bill approves a massive \$1,300,000,000 incentive package to help Scout Motors build an electric vehicle factory near Blythewood, South Carolina. While much of this funding will go toward building up infrastructure around the site, an estimated \$400,000,000 will go straight to Scout Motors to help them build the factory. This project is projected to create somewhere around 4,000 jobs, meaning that the state is spending about \$325,000 per job. CPAC opposes this crony corporatism and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on March 15, 2023 by a vote of 100-12 and the bill later became law.

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### **H 3690 Protecting South Carolina's Investments from ESG-Obsessed Companies.**

This bill requires that South Carolina's pension funds be invested solely based on pecuniary factors. This means that such funds may not be invested exclusively to further ESG objectives. CPAC supports efforts to diminish the influence of ESG standards in the government's investment decisions and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on April 5, 2023 by a vote of 103-5 but the bill did not progress any further.

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### **H 3726 (Amd. 13) (Motion to Defeat) Defunding DEI Throughout the State Government.**

This amendment states that government agencies may not fund workforce development projects that promote DEI initiatives. CPAC believes that taxpayers should not be forced to pay for racist DEI programs and supported this amendment. The House tabled this amendment on March 8, 2023 by a vote of 63-24.

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### **H 3728 Attempt to Crack Down on CRT in Public Education.**

The House version of this bill passes several provisions furthering conservative agenda items that concern public education. For example, it prohibits the teaching of certain divisive principles to students. These include those that state that one is inherently racist because of their race or that state that meritocracy is racist. The bill also prevents teachers and students from being required to attend trainings or presentations on gender and sexual orientation. Furthermore, the bill requires that many of the teaching materials used by school districts be posted on the school's website. CPAC supports efforts to diminish the usage of CRT and CRT-adjacent principles in education, supports transparency in education, supports parental rights in education, and supported this bill. The House passed its version of this bill on February 9, 2023 by a vote of 79-30 but the Senate and the House never reconciled their versions of this bill.



**H 3774 Strong Attempt to Protect Life.**

This bill attempts to ban abortion completely within the state of South Carolina. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, supports efforts to restrict the practice, and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on February 16, 2023 by a vote of 77-31 but the bill stalled in the Senate.

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**H 4020 Expanding a Program that Enriches Woke Hollywood Producers.**

This bill increases the amount of rebates that may be issued by the Film Commission for motion picture payroll and non-payroll expenses from \$10,000,000 to \$30,000,000. CPAC opposes programs that subsidize motion picture productions and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on April 5, 2023 by a vote of 77-20 but the bill did not progress in the Senate.

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**H 4300 (Amd. 34) (Motion to Defeat) Defunding Obsolete Public Educational Television.**

This amendment strikes out funds that were to be used to fund public educational television. CPAC opposes the continued subsidization of public educational television and supported this amendment. The House tabled this amendment on March 13, 2023 by a vote of 100-17.

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**H 4300 (Amd. 71) (Motion to Defeat) Seeking Out Ways to Save Taxpayer Funds.**

This amendment requires each state agency to find ways to reduce their budget over the coming year. CPAC supports efforts to promote fiscal responsibility in the halls of government and supported this amendment. The House tabled this amendment on March 14, 2023 by a vote of 100-18.

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**S 39 Funding Students, Not Systems, in South Carolina.**

This bill establishes the Education Scholarship Trust Fund Program, the likes of which will provide parents with \$6,000 in funds such that they may more easily send their children to schools that better suit their needs. CPAC supports school choice and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on April 27, 2023 by a vote of 74-36 and the bill later became law.



## **S 164 Major Certificate of Need Reform.**

This bill allows almost every type of healthcare facility in South Carolina to operate without a certificate of need. Under this law, nursing homes and hospitals will still require this certificate. Even so, CPAC supports substantial certificate of need reform and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on May 2, 2023 by a vote of 118-0 and the bill later became law.

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## **S 284 Forcing Taxpayers to Pay for Other People's Housing.**

This bill expands the uses of the local accommodations tax such that the proceeds from it may be used in order to develop workforce housing and promote home ownership. CPAC opposes government involvement in the housing market and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on May 10, 2023 by a vote of 80-29 and the bill later became law.

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## **S 474 Protecting Life by Limiting the Number of Abortions that May be Performed in South Carolina.**

This bill prohibits physicians from performing an abortion on unborn babies that have a heartbeat. It additionally imposes steep penalties on physicians who break this law. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice, and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on May 17, 2023 by a vote of 82-32 and the bill later became law.