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**Dear Patriot,**

It is darn near impossible to remove an incumbent politician - much less one who has served two terms in the US Senate.

The incumbent has massive cash available to them, state-wide name recognition, control of the state party and the ability to make deals. Or as they said in the old days...grease palms.

President Trump is reconfiguring the world, which includes the National Republican Party. The RINOs are gradually being moved out.

This should have happened when the Tea Party arose. But, the RINOs were too powerful and squashed the movement.

Now Trump is powerful and squashing all of them.

The defeat of Bill Cassidy in LA is a political shocker.

We are not so naive to think that any new elected person will be any better. The most we can hope for is that they will vote to support the America First agenda for the next two years.

If you are living in a state with upcoming primaries, get out and vote. Hopefully, you will vote to remove the compromised and replace them with the not-yet-

compromised.

Check out some more news below....

- the insider guide to the Senate Health Committee. Or why all elections have consequences.
- hopeful news from dismal Colorado.
- saving children in Texas.
- more breathtaking fraud.
- one year of the border closed.
- in his spare time, he kills evil terrorists.
- another Dem exits...the fruits of redistricting.



**1-** Here is some inside baseball on why Cassidy lost and the resulting changes inside the Swamp...er....Senate.

Sayer Ji has been a health warrior before there was MAHA! He lets us in on the story you will never hear anywhere else.

MAHA is a real and thriving political movement all on its own. MAHA did NOT like how Cassidy, a doctor, handled his job as Chairman of the Health Committee.

[\*\*Sayer Ji on Substack\*\*](#)

## Why Cassidy Really Lost: The Story Behind the Story

**QUOTE:** Bill Cassidy lost his Senate seat Saturday. Every outlet says it was Trump's revenge. They're missing three other reasons — and the most important story of what comes next.

When Senator Bill Cassidy finished third in Louisiana's Republican primary on Saturday, every major news outlet reached for the same explanation. Trump's revenge. Retribution. Vengeance tour. The words were nearly identical across CNN, NPR, BBC, Reuters, Fox News, and the New York Times — a unanimity so complete should itself prompt a question.

When every outlet in a corpus uses the same three words, you're not reading independent journalism converging on truth. You're reading a consensus frame. And consensus frames, however useful for quick comprehension, have a way of making inconvenient complexity disappear.

Here is what disappeared this weekend.

Eight months before Cassidy lost his seat, I was sitting in the Senate HELP Committee hearing room on September 17, 2025.

The hearing was titled "Restoring Trust Through Radical Transparency." Kennedy not invited to testify. His accusers were. Two former CDC officials — fired or departed under his tenure — sat at the witness table.

The Guardian published a piece within minutes of the hearing's conclusion that read, in structure and substance, as though it had been written before the gavel I watched Cassidy chair that hearing. What I observed was a man who believed he was executing a plan that was already working.

He was wrong.

Within 24 hours, 80,000 constituent contacts — emails and calls — flooded congressional offices in response. I have co-founded Stand for Health Freedom for 10 years. I have never seen a response like it. That single 24-hour mobilization exceeded more than half the total contact volume we generated during the entire month-long run-up to Kennedy's Senate confirmation. One day. Eighty thousand people.

Cassidy reversed course the following day. He announced he would invite Kennedy to testify — the opportunity for response that had been deliberately denied at the original hearing. That was not the plan. That was the plan failing.

By then, we had already won that battle. The day after the September hearing, Politico published something remarkable. Under the headline "RFK Jr.'s movement is coming to his defense," they reported rallies planned in nearly a dozen cities — from Florida to California — to "show lawmakers that MAHA represents a powerful political force" and that opposing Kennedy carries "their own political risk."

Politico also acknowledged my own prior reporting — noting Kennedy supporters had "alleged before the hearing a plot by pharmaceutical interests to get Kennedy fired." That allegation was grounded in a leaked April 2025 memo from the Biotechnology Innovation Organization, independently reported by STAT News, showing BIO leadership concluding it was time to "go to The Hill and lobby that time for RFK Jr. to go" — and naming Cassidy specifically as a "strategic ally."

Tony Lyons told Politico directly: "Cassidy is defending corrupt corporate-sponsored science." Calley Means said MAHA would "defeat what are clearly some very subversive and dark forces trying to tell the American people that these positive actions are a threat to public health."

This weekend, Politico returned to the same story — and went further. Under the headline "How Cassidy's loss could turn into an even bigger win for RFK Jr.," they reported that Senator Roger Marshall of Kansas — founder of a MAHA caucus in

the Senate, who once said he'd "never seen a person whose words have been so misattributed, exaggerated, sensationalized and taken out of context" as Kennedy — is actively angling to replace Cassidy as chair of the Senate Health Committee

That matters concretely. Cassidy's Health Committee blocked three Kennedy-aligned nominees: CDC director nominee Dave Weldon, and two surgeon general picks, Janette Nesheiwat and Casey Means. All three were withdrawn because of impasse. A Marshall chairmanship changes that calculus entirely.

This is not the "Trump retribution" story. This is a policy story about the composition of a Senate committee that directly shapes American health governance. And MAHA is at the center of it.

Cassidy lost Saturday for at least four documented reasons. The consensus frame gives you one.

The first is real and dominant: Trump endorsed Letlow, campaigned hard, and called Cassidy a "sleazebag" on Truth Social. That mattered enormously.

The second received almost no coverage: Louisiana's newly implemented closed primary system, signed by Governor Landry, effectively disenfranchised the unaffiliated voters who formed a critical part of Cassidy's coalition. Cassidy's own campaign manager called it an "intentionally difficult process." In a race decided in narrow margins, that structural change was significant — and virtually no national outlet reported it.

The third was Landry's own active opposition. Also largely unreported.

The fourth is MAHA. MAHA PAC spent six figures opposing Cassidy in Louisiana. The movement that had generated 80,000 contacts in 24 hours the previous September had not forgotten what happened in that hearing room. MAHA was reacting as Trump's instrument. It was acting on its own political logic — the logic

movement that watches who chairs one-sided hearings against the official they send to Washington to reform captured health agencies, and responds accordingly.

The “Trump retribution” frame is not wrong. It is incomplete in a way that serves a specific purpose: it makes MAHA invisible as an independent political force.

Under the retribution frame, MAHA’s role disappears entirely. The movement that mobilized 80,000+ grassroots contacts in a single day, that spent real money in the primary, that has been building genuine cross-partisan constituency for years — that movement becomes a passenger in Trump’s vehicle rather than a driver with its own destination.

CNN’s own polling showed Kennedy with the highest net favorable rating of any Trump administration official — sitting at minus 7, significantly outperforming Pete Hegseth at minus 14, JD Vance at minus 11, and Marco Rubio at minus 10. That number tells a story about a genuine political constituency that the retribution frame makes invisible.

That constituency watched what happened in the September hearing. It responded in 24 hours. It showed up in Louisiana on Saturday.

And if Roger Marshall takes the Health Committee chair — giving Kennedy an ally where Cassidy placed an obstacle — it will have shaped the trajectory of American health policy in ways that have nothing to do with Donald Trump’s personal grievances.

Democracy is not a spectator sport. Neither is MAHA.



2- OH! This is the best news. It may be the end of a terrible injustice.

PRAY that Tina is released June 1... if not sooner.

### [The National Pulse](#)

#### **Governor Finally Commutes Sentence of Tina Peters.**

**QUOTE:** Colorado Governor Jared Polis (D) has commuted the sentence of Tina Peters, a former county clerk aged 70, who was serving a nine-year sentence for involvement in examining voting machines after the 2020 election. Peters was convicted in 2024 for attempting to prove that the machines were used to rig the election against President Donald J. Trump.

Governor Polis claims that the commutation was not an attempt to appease Trump but rather a response to what he viewed as an excessively harsh sentence for a nonviolent first-time offender. He emphasized that Peters's beliefs, while in his view "dangerously incorrect," should not have influenced her sentencing.

Peters will be released on parole on June 1.

The decision to commute Peters's sentence comes amid ongoing legal battles and appeals regarding her conviction. Last month, a Colorado appellate court upheld her conviction but overturned her nine-year sentence, ruling that the trial judge infringed on her free speech rights by criticizing her belief that the 2020 election

was stolen from President Trump. She was awaiting resentencing when Polis intervened, saying he agreed with the appellate court.



**3-** All the more reason to vote for AG Ken Paxton for US Senate if you live in Texas!

Like Trump, he gets things done. They both solve problems. Unlike RINO Senator Cornyn, who has not done anything of note in 24 years!

On Friday, Paxton announced that the Texas Children's Hospital had agreed to a \$100 million settlement with the state of Texas and the Trump administration. The hospital stated that it agreed to the settlement to avoid prolonged litigation.

In addition to the multi-million dollar payment to the state's Medicaid program, the settlement includes a ban on the hospital providing "gender-affirming care" for minors and the firing of five doctors. The settlement follows years of investigation by Paxton and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Warrior Chris Rufo, brave doctors and AG Ken Paxton made this happen, saving many children from this horror.

**[Christopher F. Rufo](#)**

**We Shut Down the Gender Clinic at Texas Children's Hospital**

**It's a stunning reversal—and a major victory in the war against "gender-affirming care."**

**QUOTE:** In May 2023, I published an exclusive whistleblower report chronicling the secret child sex-change program at Texas Children's Hospital. Despite having promised to cease performing such procedures—which involved puberty blockers and surgical procedures on children as young as eleven—TCH continued engaging in transgender therapies and operations on confused and highly vulnerable young people. One year later, we exposed how Texas Children's Hospital may have been falsifying medical records and knowingly breaking Texas state law to continue providing "gender-affirming care."

While Republican lawmakers in Texas took decisive action after the publication of our report to ban sex-change treatments on minors, the Biden administration decided that the real problem wasn't that children were being secretly castrated—it was that a brave physician had dared to blow the whistle on these horrors. In June 2024, Biden's Department of Justice indicted Dr. Eitan Haim on four federal charges of wrongfully obtaining individually identifiable health information and sending them to me. Thankfully, the charges were dismissed shortly after President Trump took office in January 2025, but the conduct of TCH remained unpunished.

That's all changed now. This week, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton announced a historic settlement that will force Texas Children's Hospital to fire five doctors who performed or were complicit in the shocking child sex-change procedures. The settlement further requires Texas Children's to pay \$10 million to establish the U.S. first-ever Detransition Clinic, which will assist survivors of transgender ideology in reversing the damage inflicted upon them.

This is amazing news and is a testament to the immense courage of physicians willing to stand up to the hyper-ideological tide of so-called transgender medicine and "gender-affirming care."

It's also evidence of the power of investigative journalism to drive groundbreaking and meaningful change.



4-Another day, another fraud story.

## Townhall

### **U.S. Secret Service Seized 14 Skimmers, Stopped \$14.5M of Fraud in Houston Area**

**QUOTE:** The agency worked with local law enforcement partners as part of a two-day outreach operation targeting illegal payment card skimming and Electronic Benefit Transfer fraud.

Law enforcement personnel visited 372 area businesses in Harris County during the operation conducted May 13-14. A total of 3,175 point-of-sale terminals, gas pumps and ATMs were inspected during the operation.

"Card skimming threatens the financial security of individuals and families across our community," said Acting Special Agent in Charge Thomas Rizza of the U.S. Secret Service – Houston Field Office. "I am proud of our team's dedication to identifying and removing these devices before they can cause harm, and for their education efforts. While we are always striving to protect the public, this operation was conducted ahead of the World Cup to ensure that international visitors are not preyed upon while visiting the United States. Our ongoing collaboration with law enforcement partners is crucial in preventing this type of fraud and protecting those who rely on these financial resources."

Personnel from Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the Houston Police Department, Santa Fe Police Department, Texas Financial Crimes Intelligence Center (FCIC), and Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation assisted in the operation.

“HSI Houston is committed to protecting the financial security of our community especially as we prepare for the upcoming FIFA World Cup games,” Erin Burke, Acting Special Agent in Charge, HSI Houston, said. “Through close collaboration with our law enforcement partners, we are disrupting criminal schemes and ensuring Houston remains a safe place for residents and visitors alike. This operation demonstrates our dedication to safeguarding consumers and reinforcing public trust during major international events.”



5- Isn't it odd that once President Trump delivers on solving a problem, no one talk about it again!

But, we will.

This was a major achievement and it continues to be the wall that girds all other effort to stop illegals.

[Breitbart](#)

**Trump Delivers 12 Straight Months of Zero Southwest Border Migrant Release as Illegal Crossings Collapse by 94 Percent**

**QUOTE:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced this week that April marked twelve consecutive months of zero releases of illegal aliens apprehended by Border Patrol at the southwest border with Mexico into the United States — a milestone officials say reflects the most secure border in American history under President Donald Trump. DHS reports a 94 percent drop in illegal border apprehensions compared to the Biden era, with daily crossings now lower than what agents encountered in a single hour at the height of the 2023 crisis.

Twelve straight months of ZERO releases at the border. Under President Donald Trump's leadership, we are delivering the most secure border in American history, said DHS Secretary Markwayne Mullin. "The days of catch and release are over. We are enforcing the nation's laws and sending illegal aliens back to their home countries."

Two years ago, Border Patrol agents, under orders from President Joe Biden and then-DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, released more than 68,000 illegal aliens who were apprehended at the border into the U.S. interior, according to CBP Commissioner Rodney Scott.

"What a difference, America!" Scott said in a written statement on Friday.

DHS officials say the dramatic collapse in illegal crossings — paired with a surge in drug seizures as agents return to frontline enforcement — underscores the scale of the turnaround since the Biden-Mayorkas years, when more than 68,000 migrants were released into the U.S. interior in a single month.

"Every minute of every day, President Trump's border security policies are making every American safer," Commissioner Scott said. With year-to-date apprehensions down 95 percent and drug interdictions surging, DHS argues the numbers speak for themselves: the era of catch-and-release is over.



**6-** This barely made a headline anywhere in America. But, it is a BIG DEAL!

Friday, just after Trump returned to America, this happened.



**Donald J. Trump**    
@realDonaldTrump

Tonight, at my direction, brave American forces and the Armed Forces of Nigeria flawlessly executed a meticulously planned and very complex mission to eliminate the most active terrorist in the world from the battlefield. Abu-Bilal al-Minuki, second in command of ISIS globally, thought he could hide in Africa, but little did he know we had sources who kept us informed on what he was doing. He will no longer terrorize the people of Africa, or help plan operations to target Americans. With his removal, ISIS's global operation is greatly diminished. Thank you to the Government of Nigeria for your partnership on this operation. GOD BLESS AMERICA! President DONALD J. TRUMP



7- One radical, insane, leftist Democrat down, SO many more to go!

## [RedState](#)

### **Redistricting Bears Fruit With a Stunning Move From TN Dem**

**QUOTE:** The redistricting battle being fought across the nation has caused a sea change, and now, it's having a notable effect in Tennessee. The redistricting redrew a black majority district, the 9th district, which is currently represented by Democrat Rep. Steve Cohen (TN-09). Cohen is not black. He's held the seat for 19 years, since 2007. He's had black Republicans run against him.

Now Cohen is giving up the ghost. He announced that he wouldn't be running again.

Losing Steve Cohen is the best thing anyone could do for that area, and maybe they'll get some good representation for the people. But expect more actions like this coming as redistricting shakes out.



THANK GOD for the safe return of everyone in the administration from China.

THANK GOD for the positive news for Tina Peters.

PRAY for all warriors.

PRAY for all children.

SHARE the truth.

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**Hold Fast,**

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