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Eight Lowcountry Mayors Charleston County Sheriff Al Cannon & Treasurer Andy Smith Announce Endorsement of Tim Scott

In an unprecedented show of local support, seven Lowcountry Mayors and one former Mayor have announced their endorsement of Tim Scott in his campaign for Congress.

Mount Pleasant Mayor Billy Swails, **Sullivan's Island** Mayor Carl Smith, **Isle of Palms** Mayor Dick Cronin, **Goose Creek** Mayor Michael Heitzler, **Hanahan** Mayor Minnie Blackwell, **Moncks Corner** Mayor Bob Peagler, **Lincolntonville** Mayor Tyrone Aiken, and former Isle of Palms Mayor Mike Sottile have joined the Tim Scott campaign as advisors on good government and local issues.

Mount Pleasant Mayor Billy Swails summed up the group's decision:

"When we look at the choice before us, it is apparent that Tim will be a stronger Congressman for our coastal district. Tim understands the issues that are important to our communities, and he will fight for jobs and growth in our region."

Also endorsing Tim's campaign today is Charleston County Sheriff Al Cannon who issued the following statement:

"I have served with both Tim Scott and Paul Thurmond and they are both good men. But Tim Scott is the one who is prepared to go to Washington, slash spending, and make a difference."

Tim also picked up an endorsement from Andy Smith, the popular Charleston County Treasurer with over 33 years of public service:

"I have served with both Tim Scott and Paul Thurmond, and I feel strongly that Tim will be a better Congressman for our District. Tim is a man of principle, a man of strong conservative values, who does what he says he is going to do. I have seen the impact he has made on county council and in state government, and I know he will get things done in Washington."

"I am honored to receive the support of my colleagues who have seen my work first hand over the course of the last few years," said Tim, from the Statehouse, where he has spent the week working on vetoes to the State Budget, "Local leaders understand their communities better than anyone in Washington, which is why I am so pleased to have these outstanding leaders advising me."

"My focus this week is on finishing the job I was elected to do," said Tim, "I am proud of what we have accomplished in this session – slashing our state budget by 2 billion dollars, with general-fund spending now lower than it was ten years ago. At the same time, we have cut taxes, recruited big business to the state, protected seniors and core programs."

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