2018 Midterm Election Outlook

## 2018 MIDTERM ELECTION OUTLOOK

Since the conclusion of the primary season on September 12, candidates on both sides of the aisle have been locked-in for what could be one of the most consequential midterm elections in recent history. At this juncture, it remains entirely plausible (but far from certain) that Democrats will take control of one or both chambers of Congress. Despite Republicans having a very narrow 51-49 seat majority in the Senate, the House is the more likely of the two chambers to change party control for the reasons outlined below. Note that all race ratings cited on the next two pages are based on The Cook Political Report.


## U.S. SENATE ELECTION OVERVIEW

Democrats need a net gain of two seats to give the party a 51-49 seat majority in the Senate - given Vice President Pence would break a 50-50 split and hand control to Republicans. However, netting two seats is no easy endeavor for Democrats. Senate elections are staggered so that one-third of all seats are up each election cycle and this year the Senate map heavily favors Republicans:

GOP Looking at Trump-States: Democrats are defending 26 Senate seats this cycle, including 10 incumbents running in states Trump carried in the 2016 elections. Four of those states (FL, IN, MO, and MT) are rated as "toss-up" races where the Republican challenger stands a strong chance of winning. And in the North Dakota race, the Republican challenger is favored. Recent polls indicate that all of these incumbents are in tough reelections. Outside of the "Trump States," keep an eye on the toss-up race in New Jersey where polls show Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ) in a close race and only leading by single digits.


Dems Targeting 4 States: Republicans are defending 8 Senate seats and only one is in a state that Hillary Clinton carried in 2016: Nevada. However, two open seat races in Arizona and Tennessee have given Democrats at least some life in seeking to take control of the Senate. Democrats are even eyeing Texas, where Rep. Beto Rourke (D-TX) is polling single digits behind Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX). Texas, Nevada, Arizona, and Tennessee are all rated as "toss-up" races. If Democrats take the Senate majority, they will need to defend virtually all of their incumbents while winning at least two of these tough races. This is no small order. While there are strong Democratic candidates running in Arizona and Tennessee open seats, Republicans were able to get their preferred candidates through the primary in both of those states. Furthermore, Tennessee has not elected a Democratic Senator since Al Gore in 1990 and Arizona has not elected a Democratic Senator since Dennis DeConcini in 1988.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION OVERVIEW

Democrats need a net gain of 23 seats to get to 218 votes and secure the House majority. All 435 seats are up and there are currently 140 Republicans and 182 Democrats that are in safe seats. While picking up 23 seats will be no small task for Democrats, most believe that the Democratic Party has an above $50 \%$ chance of taking the majority. One simple reason is that congressional candidates from the president's party tend to face headwinds during midterm elections. This was true of President Obama's Democratic congressional majorities in the 2010 midterms and is true today of President Trump's current Republican congressional majorities. While we expand on the election context on the next page, below are additional factors favoring House Democrats:

Clinton Districts \& Retirements: House Republicans are defending 25 districts that Hillary Clinton carried in 2016. Seven of these districts are in California. They are also dealing with a newly drawn court-ordered congressional map in Pennsylvania - which resulted in several new Clinton won districts in the state.

Separately, there has been a historic wave of retirements amongst Republican incumbents, most being true retirements, while the remainder are running for higher office - creating open seats that are more difficult to defend. In fact, there are more than 20 open seat races in Republican-controlled districts that are not rated as Safe Republican and will be contested in the general election.

The Real Math: We enter the final sprint of the midterm elections with 17 Republican-controlled seats rated as likely or lean Democratic. Meanwhile, there are only two Democrat-controlled seat rated as likely or lean Republican. If those races go as projected, Democrats can expect to net 15 seats out of the gate, and need to make up the additional 8 seats (to get to the majority) primarily through the 50+ toss-up and lean-GOP districts.

|  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6}$ president |  | 2012 president |  |
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| District | GOP inc. | Clinton | Trump | Obama | Romney |
| AZ-02 | Open | $\mathbf{4 9 . 6}$ | 44.7 | $\mathbf{4 8 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 9 . 9}$ |
| CA-10 | Jeff Denham | $\mathbf{4 8 . 5}$ | 45.5 | $\mathbf{5 0 . 6}$ | 47.0 |
| CA-21 | David Valadao | $\mathbf{5 5 . 2}$ | 39.7 | $\mathbf{5 4 . 6}$ | 43.5 |
| CA-25 | Steve Knight | $\mathbf{5 0 . 3}$ | 43.6 | 47.8 | $\mathbf{4 9 . 7}$ |
| CA-39 | Open | $\mathbf{5 1 . 5}$ | 42.9 | 47.1 | $\mathbf{5 0 . 8}$ |
| CA-45 | Mimi Walters | $\mathbf{4 9 . 8}$ | 44.4 | 43.0 | $\mathbf{5 4 . 8}$ |
| CA-48 | D. Rohrabacher | $\mathbf{4 7 . 9}$ | 46.2 | 43.0 | $\mathbf{5 4 . 7}$ |
| CA-49 | Open | $\mathbf{5 0 . 7}$ | 43.2 | 45.7 | $\mathbf{5 2 . 4}$ |
| CO-06 | Mike Coffman | $\mathbf{5 0 . 2}$ | 41.3 | $\mathbf{5 1 . 6}$ | 46.5 |
| FL-26 | C. Curbelo | $\mathbf{5 6 . 7}$ | 40.6 | $\mathbf{5 5 . 4}$ | 43.9 |
| FL-27 | Open | $\mathbf{5 8 . 6}$ | 38.9 | $\mathbf{5 3 . 0}$ | 46.3 |
| IL-06 | Peter Roskam | $\mathbf{5 0 . 2}$ | 43.2 | 45.1 | $\mathbf{5 3 . 3}$ |
| KS-03 | Kevin Yoder | $\mathbf{4 7 . 2}$ | 46.0 | 44.3 | $\mathbf{5 3 . 8}$ |
| MN-03 | Erik Paulsen | $\mathbf{5 0 . 8}$ | 41.4 | $\mathbf{4 9 . 6}$ | 48.8 |
| NJ-07 | Leonard Lance | $\mathbf{4 8 . 6}$ | 47.5 | 46.3 | $\mathbf{5 2 . 5}$ |
| NY-24 | John Katko | $\mathbf{4 8 . 9}$ | 45.3 | $\mathbf{5 7 . 0}$ | 41.1 |
| PA-01* | B. Fitzpatrick | $\mathbf{4 9 . 1}$ | 47.1 | $\mathbf{5 0 . 3}$ | 48.4 |
| PA-05* | Open | $\mathbf{6 2 . 6}$ | 34.4 | $\mathbf{6 4 . 5}$ | 34.5 |
| PA-06* | Open | $\mathbf{5 2 . 6}$ | 43.3 | $\mathbf{5 0 . 9}$ | 47.9 |
| PA-07* | Open | $\mathbf{4 8 . 7}$ | 47.6 | $\mathbf{5 2 . 9}$ | 45.9 |
| TX-07 | John Culberson | $\mathbf{4 8 . 5}$ | 47.1 | 38.6 | $\mathbf{5 9 . 9}$ |
| TX-23 | Will Hurd | $\mathbf{4 9 . 8}$ | 46.4 | 48.1 | $\mathbf{5 0 . 7}$ |
| TX-32 | Pete Sessions | $\mathbf{4 8 . 5}$ | 46.6 | 41.5 | $\mathbf{5 7 . 0}$ |
| VA-10 | B. Comstock | $\mathbf{5 2 . 2}$ | 42.2 | 49.2 | $\mathbf{5 0 . 8}$ |
| WA-08 | Open | $\mathbf{4 7 . 7}$ | 44.7 | $\mathbf{4 9 . 7}$ | 48.1 |
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Toss-up Race Numbers Favor Dems: Control of the House will hinge in large part on the 29 "toss-up" races and the breakdown for Republicans is not favorable. Of the toss-up races, 28 are Republicancontrolled seats and only one is a Democrat-controlled seat. Moreover, there are 28 Republicancontrolled seats that only lean-Republican and another 27 Republican-controlled seats rated as likelyRepublican. In summary, the battle map is expansive and will require a strong defense by the party.

To that end, Democrats are on offense across the country and running candidates in all but four congressional districts with many candidates that have been one the ground campaigning for well over a year. That being said, Republicans are not sitting by idly. They recognize it is a difficult electoral environment in the general and have been making strides to protect themselves from a "Blue Wave."

| LKELY DEMOCRATIC | LEAN DEMOCRATIC | DEMOCRATIC TOSS UP | REPUBLICAN TOSS UP | LEAN REPUBLICAN | LIKELY REPUBLICAN |
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| 8 Dem 4 Rep | 2 Dem. 13 Rep | 1 Dem. 0 Rep | 0 Dem $\cdot 28$ Rep | 1 Dem +28 Rep | 1Dem. 27 Rep |

## MIDTERM CONTEXT \& ELECTORAL ENVIRONMENT

As we look toward the elections on Tuesday, November 6, there are a few indicators worth keeping in mind that inform our views about the potential outcome of the midterms. Note that all polling averages cited in the following bullets come from RealClearPolitics (RPC):

History Not on GOPs Side: The party of the president tends to see significant seat losses in midterm elections. The president's party has lost seats in one or both chambers during 17 of the 19 midterm elections since the end of WWII. The party of the president has lost an average of 4 Senate seats and 25 House seats in those elections. Those averages increase slightly if you look at only the first midterm of a presidency (e.g. do not include the midterm results of second term presidents). In the first midterm election of a new president, the president's party has lost on average 27.5 House seats.

We would note that Republicans did gain seats in President George W. Bush's first midterm election. However, this was largely the result of unique post- $9 / 11$ dynamics and is the only time since 1934 that the president's party actually gained House seats in the first midterm.


Presidential Approval Rating: Low presidential approval is also an indicator of midterm performance. While Trump's approval climbed and stayed above $43 \%$ this August, it dipped in September before coming back up to $44 \%$. While that is a 7 point improvement from mid-December, it is still problematic for Republicans. In six of the last seven midterms where the president's approval rating was below $50 \%$, the president's party lost $24+$ seats in Congress.

Generic Ballot \& Turnout: In the generic ballot, where voters are asked if they're more like to vote for a Democratic or Republican candidate, the numbers favored Democrats throughout the summer but were often less than exciting. Democrats maintained an average 5 point lead over Republicans in the generic ballot for much of the summer, which is less than half their 13 point advantage at the start of 2018. However, Democratic performance in the generic ballot has slightly improved in recent weeks. Democrats now
 have nearly an 8 point lead (average) over Republicans in the generic ballot. To that end, a string of three polls from early-October sparked talk of a potential Democratic surge in the generic: (1) CNN: Dems +13 ; (2) ABC News/Wash Post: Dems +11; and (3) Reuters/Ipsos: Dems +11. Those leads have since been reduced, though the average remains strong at a 7.6 point advantage for Democrats.

Still, some of these polls look only at registered voters (as opposed to likely voters), and Republicans have traditionally had a turnout advantage in midterm elections. In the last 10 midterms, the average Republican turnout advantage has been about 3 percentage points. However, the Republican turnout advantage is heavily influenced by which party controls the White House. Under a Democratic president, such as in 1994 (Clinton) and 2010 (Obama), the Republican turnout advantage gets even bigger. Under a Republican president, such as in 1986 (Reagan) or 2006 (W. Bush), the advantage barely registers.

## MIDTERM CONTEXT \& ELECTORAL ENVIRONMENT (CONT.)

Special and State Elections: Democrats are pointing to their over performance in congressional special elections, gubernatorial and state legislative elections as a precursor and justification for the party's expected success in November. Democrats won significant victories over the past several months in special and state office elections, including in Virginia, New Jersey, Washington, Wisconsin, Florida, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Pennsylvania, among others. In December, Democratic candidate Doug Jones won a special election for the U.S. Senate seat in Alabama, which Trump carried by 28 points. In March, Connor Lamb narrowly won a congressional special election in Pennsylvania to represent a district that Trump carried by 20 points.

Cautionary Note ("Special" for a Reason): Data shows that since the inauguration, Democratic candidates have performed an average of 11 points ahead of their peers who ran in the same areas in the 2016 elections. However, in terms of special elections, we would caution that there is a reason why they are called special, as the results are often not reflective of the broader electoral environment. In addition, what too often gets left out of this discussion (or is understated) is that candidates matter. The most shocking special election "upsets" often involved a Republican candidate or resigning incumbent that was marked by scandal.

## Senate Election Outlook Ratings Source: The Cook Political Report

Safe Republican Seats (4): Roger Wicker (R-MS), Deb Fischer (R-NE), John Barraso (R-WY), Utah Open Seat (Orrin Hatch Retiring)

Likely Republican Seats (0):

Lean Republican Seats (2): Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS), Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)

Toss-Up Republican Seats (4): Dean Heller (R-NV), Arizona Open Seat (Jeff Flake Retiring), Tennessee Open Seat (Bob Corker Retiring), Ted Cruz (R-TX)

Toss-Up Democratic Seats (5): Bill Nelson (D-FL), Joe Donnelly (D-IN), Claire McCaskill (D-MO), Jon Tester (D-MT), Bob Menendez (D-NJ)

Lean Democratic Seats (2): Tina Smith (D-MN), Joe Manchin (D-WV)

Likely Democratic Seats (4): Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Bob Casey (D-PA), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)

Safe Democratic Seats (14): Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Chris Murphy (D-CT), Tom Carper (D-DE), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Ben Cardin (D-MD), Angus King (I-ME),
Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY),
Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Maria Cantwell (D-WA)

## House Election Outlook Ratings Source: The Cook Political Report

Safe Republican Seats: (140 Republican Districts)

Likely Republican Seats (27 Republican, 1 Democratic): Hill (R-AR), Schweikert (R-AZ), Lesko (RAZ), LaMalfa (R-CA), McClintock (R-CA), Valadao (R-CA), Nunes (R-CA), Tipton (R-CA), Diaz-Balart (R-FL), Walorski (R-IN), Bergman (R-MI), Amash (R-MI), Upton (R-MI), Walberg (R-MI), Hudson (RNC), Zeldin (R-NY), King (R-NY), Stefanik (R-NY), Reed (R-NY), Turner (R-OH), Joyce (R-OH), Russell (R-OK), PA-14 CD, TX-2 CD, TX-21 CD, Marchant (R-TX), Carter (R-TX), Grothman (R-WI)

Lean Republican Seats (28 Republican, 1 Democratic): Young (R-AK), Hunter (R-CA), FL-6 CD, Mast (R-FL), Buchanan (R-FL), Handel (R-GA), Woodall (R-GA), King (R-IA), Bost (R-IL), Davis (RIL), MN-8 CD, Wagner (R-MO), Glanforte (R-MT), Holding (R-NC), Bacon (R-NE), Donovan (R-NY), Katko (R-NY), Collins (R-NY), Chabot (R-OH), Perry (R-PA), Kelly (R-PA), SC-1 CD, Olson (R-TX), Hurd (R-TX), VA-5 CD, Herrera Beutler (R-WA), McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), WI-1 CD, WV-3 CD

Toss-Up Republican Seats (28 Republican): Denham (R-CA), Knight (R-CA), CA-39 CD, Walters (R-CA), Rohrabacher (R-CA), FL-15 CD, Curbelo (R-FL), Young (R-IA), Hultgren (R-IL), KS-2 CD, Barr (R-KY), Poliquin (R-ME), Bishop (R-MI), NC-9 CD, Budd (R-NC), MacArthur (R-NJ), Lance (RNJ), NM-2 CD, Faso (R-NY), Tenney (R-NY), Balderson (R-OH), Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Culberson (RTX), Sessions (R-TX), Love (R-UT), Taylor (R-VA), Brat (R-VA), WA-8 CD

Toss-Up Democratic Seats (1 Democratic): MN-1 CD

Lean Democratic Seats (2 Democratic, 13 Republican): AZ-2 CD, CA-49 CD, Coffman (R-CO), FL27 CD, Blum (R-IA), Roskam (R-IL), Yoder (R-KS), MI-11 CD, Lewis (R-MN), Paulsen (R-MN), NJ-11 CD, NV-3 CD, NV-4 CD, PA-7 CD, Comstock (R-VA)

Likely Democratic Seats (8 Democratic, 4 Republican): O'Halleran (D-AZ), Bera (D-CA), Costa (DCA), Murphy (D-FL), Peterson (D-MN), NH-1 CD, NJ-2 CD, Gottheimer (D-NJ), PA-5 CD, PA-6 CD, Cartwright (D-PA), Rothfus (R-PA)

Safe Democratic Seats (182 Democratic Districts)

## Senate Committee Tracker: Exiting and Vulnerable

T: Toss-up / LD: Lean Democratic / LR: Lean Republican / LLD: Likely Democratic / LLR: Likely Republican

| Senate Committee | Democrats | Republicans |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | Vulnerable: <br> LR: Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) <br> T: Joe Donnelly (D-IN) <br> LD: Tina Smith (D-MN) <br> LLD: Sherrod Brown (D-OH) <br> LLD: Robert "Bob" Casey Jr. (D-PA) <br> LLD: Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Ranking Member | Vulnerable: <br> LR: Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS) |
| Appropriations | Vulnerable: <br> T: Jon Tester (D-MT) <br> LD: Joe Manchin III (D-WV) <br> LLD: Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) | Vulnerable: <br> LR: Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS) |
| Armed Services | Vulnerable: <br> T: Bill Nelson (D-FL) <br> T: Joe Donnelly (D-IN) <br> T: Claire McCaskill (D-MO) | Vulnerable: <br> T: Ted Cruz (R-TX) |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs | Vulnerable: <br> LR: Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) <br> T: Joe Donnelly (D-IN) <br> T: Robert "Bob" Menendez (D-NJ) <br> T: Jon Tester (D-MT) <br> LLD: Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Ranking Member | Exiting: <br> Bob Corker (R-TN), Retiring <br> Vulnerable: <br> T: Dean Heller (R-NV) |
| Budget | Vulnerable: <br> LLD: Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) | Exiting: <br> Bob Corker (R-TN), Retiring |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation | Vulnerable: <br> T: Bill Nelson (D-FL), Ranking Member <br> T: Jon Tester (D-MT) <br> LLD: Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) | Vulnerable: <br> T: Dean Heller (R-NV) <br> T: Ted Cruz (R-TX) |
| Energy and Natural Resources | Vulnerable: <br> LD: Joe Manchin (D-WV) <br> LD: Tina Smith (D-MN) <br> LLD: Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)] | Exiting: <br> Jeff Flake (R-AZ), Retiring |

## Environment and Public Works

| Finance | Vulnerable: <br> T: Robert "Bob" Menendez (D-NJ) <br> T: Claire McCaskill (D-MO) <br> T: Bill Nelson (D-FL) <br> LLD: Sherrod Brown (D-OH) <br> LLD: Bob Casey (D-PA) <br> LLD: Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) | Exiting: <br> Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Chairman, Retiring <br> Vulnerable: <br> T: Dean Heller (R-NV) |
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| Foreign Relations | Vulnerable: <br> T: Robert "Bob" Menendez (D-NJ), Ranking Member | Exiting: <br> Bob Corker (R-TN), Chairman, Retiring Jeff Flake (R-AZ), Retiring |
| Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions | Vulnerable: <br> LD: Tina Smith (D-MN) <br> LLD: Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) <br> LLD: Bob Casey (D-PA) | Exiting: <br> Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Retiring |
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs | Vulnerable: <br> LR: Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) <br> T: Claire McCaskill (D-MO), Ranking member |  |
| Judiciary |  | Exiting: <br> Jeff Flake (R-TX), Retiring Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Retiring <br> Vulnerable: <br> T: Ted Cruz (R-TX) |
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship | Vulnerable: <br> LR: Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) |  |
| Veterans' Affairs | Vulnerable: <br> T: Jon Tester (D-MT) <br> LD: Joe Manchin (D-WV) <br> LLD: Sherrod Brown (D-OH) | Vulnerable: <br> T: Dean Heller (R-NV) |
| Intelligence | Vulnerable: <br> LD: Joe Manchin (D-WV) |  |

House Committee Tracker: Exiting and Vulnerable
T: Toss-up / LD: Lean Democratic / LR: Lean Republican / LLD: Likely Democratic / LLR: Likely Republican

| House Committee | Democrats | Republicans |
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| Agriculture | Exiting: <br> Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM), Seeking Higher Office <br> Timothy "Tim" Walz (D-MN), Seeking Higher Office <br> Richard "Rick" Nolan (D-MN), Retiring <br> Vulnerable: <br> LLD: Jim Costa (D-CA) <br> LLD: Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ) <br> LLD: Collin Peterson (D-MN), Ranking Member | Exiting: <br> Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), Retiring <br> Vulnerable: <br> T: Jeff Denham (R-CA) <br> T: John Faso (R-NY) <br> LR: Don Bacon (R-NE) <br> LR: Mike Bost (R-IL) <br> LR: Rodney Davis (R-IL) <br> LR: Steve King (R-IA) <br> LLR: Doug LaMalfa (R-CA) |
| Appropriations |  | Exiting: <br> Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ), Chairman, Retiring <br> Thomas "Tom" Rooney (R-FL), Retiring <br> Charles "Charlie" Dent (R-PA), Resigned in 2018 |
|  | Exiting: <br> Evan Jenkins (D-WV), Retiring <br> Vulnerable: <br> LLD: Matthew Cartwright (D-PA) | Vulnerable: <br> LD: Kevin Yoder (R-KS) <br> T: John Culberson (R-TX) <br> T: Scott Taylor (R-VA) <br> T: David Young (R-IA) <br> LR: Herrera Beutler (R-WA) <br> LLR: John Carter (R-TX) <br> LLR: Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL) <br> LLR: David Joyce (R-OH) <br> LLR: David Valadao (R-CA) |


| Armed Services | Exiting: <br> Colleen Hanabusa (D-HI), Seeking Higher Office Beto O'Rourke (D-TX), Seeking Higher Office Jacky Rosen (D-NE), Seeking Higher Office Robert "Bob" Brady (R-PA), Retiring Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH), Retiring Niki Tsongas (D-MA), Retiring <br> Vulnerable: <br> LLD: Stephanie Murphy (D-FL) <br> LLD: Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ) | Exiting: <br> Jim Bridenstine (R-OK), Confirmed as administrator of NASA <br> Martha McSally (R-AZ), Seeking Higher Office <br> Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ), Retiring <br> Bill Shuster (R-PA), Retiring <br> Vulnerable: <br> LD: Mike Coffman (R-CO) <br> T: Steve Knight (R-CA) <br> LR: Don Bacon (R-NE) <br> LR: Duncan Hunter (R-CA) <br> LLR: Steve Russell (R-OK) <br> LLR: Elise Stefanik (R-NY) <br> LLR: Michael Turner (R-OH) |
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| Budget | Exiting: <br> Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM), Seeking Higher Office | Exiting: <br> Diane Black (R-TN), Seeking Higher Office James "Jim" Renacci (R-OH), Seeking Higher Office Todd Rokita (R-IN), Seeking Higher Office Mark Sanford (R-SC), Lost Primary <br> Vulnerable: <br> LD: Jason Lewis (R-MN) <br> T: David "Dave" Brat (R-VA) <br> T: John Faso (R-NY) <br> LR: Rob Woodall (R-GA) <br> LLR: Jack Bergman (R-MI) <br> LLR: Tom McClintock (R-CA) <br> LLR: Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL) <br> LLR: Glenn Grothman (R-WI) |
| Education and the Workforce | Exiting: <br> Jared Polis (D-CO), Seeking Higher Office Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH), Retiring | Exiting: <br> Lou Barletta (R-PA), Seeking Higher Office Luke Messer (R-IN), Seeking Higher Office Todd Rokita (R-IN), Seeking Higher Office <br> Vulnerable: <br> LD: Jason Lewis (R-MN) <br> T: David "Dave" Brat (R-VA) <br> LR: Thomas Garrett (R-VA) <br> LR: Karen Handel (R-GA) <br> LR: Duncan Hunter (R-CA) <br> LLR: Tim Walberg (R-MI) <br> LLR: Glenn Grothman (R-WI) <br> LLR: Elise Stefanik (R-NY) |

## Exiting:

Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Seeking Higher Office
Kevin Cramer (R-ND), Seeking Higher Office
Joe Barton (R-TX), Retiring
Ryan Costello (R-PA), Retiring
Gregg Harper (R-MO), Retiring

## Exiting:

Gene Green (D-TX), Retiring

## Vulnerable:

T: Leonard Lance (R-NJ)
T: Mimi Walters (R-CA)
LR: Chris Collins (R-NY)
LR: Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)
LR: Pete OIson (R-TX)
LLR: Richard Hudson (R-NC)
LLR: Fred Upton (R-MI)
LLR: Tim Walberg (R-MI)

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| Luke Messer (R-IN), Seeking Higher Office |  |
| Steve Pearce (R-NM), Seeking Higher Office |  |



## Exiting:

Raul Labrador (R-ID), Seeking Higher Office Ron DeSantis (R-FL), Seeking Higher Office Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), Chairman, Retiring
Trey Gowdy (R-SC), Retiring
Darrel Issa (R-CA), Retiring
Ted Poe (R-TX), Retiring

## Exiting:

Judiciary
uis Gutierrez (D-IL), Retiring
John Conyers (D-MI), Resigned in 2017

Lamar Smith (R-TX), Retiring
Blake Farenthold (R-TX), Resigned in 2018
Trent Franks (R-AZ), Resigned in 2017

## Vulnerable:

LLD: Keith Rothfus (R-PA)
LR: Steve Chabot (R-OH)
LR: Karen Handel (R-GA)
LR: Steve King (R-IA)

## Exiting:

Raul Labrador (R-ID), Seeking Higher Office Steve Pearce (R-NM), Seeking Higher Office

## Exiting:

Colleen Hanabusa (D-HI), Seeking Higher Office Niki Tsongas (D-MA), Retiring

## Vulnerable:

LLD: Jim Costa (D-CA)

Oversight and Govt. Reform

Vulnerable:
LLD: Matt Cartwright (D-PA)

## Vulnerable:

T: Jeff Denham (R-CA)
LR: Greg Gianforte (R-MT)
LR: Don Young (R-AK)
LLR: Jack Bergman (R-MI)
LLR: Doug LaMalfa (R-CA)
LLR: Tom McClintock (R-CA)
LLR: Scott Tipton (R-CO)
Exiting:
Ron DeSantis (R-FL), Seeking Higher Office John Duncan Jr. (R-TN), Retiring
Trey Gowdy (R-SC), Chairman, Retiring
Darrel Issa (R-CA), Retiring
Dennis Ross (R-FL), Retiring
Blake Farenthold (R-TX), Resigned in 2018
Mark Sanford (R-SC), Lost Primary

## Vulnerable:

LD: Rod Blum (R-IA)
LR: Greg Gianforte (R-MT)
LR: Will Hurd (R-TX)
LLR: Justin Amash (R-MI)
LLR: Glenn Grothman (R-WI)
LLR: Steve Russell (R-OK)

| Rules | Exiting: <br> Jared Polis (D-CO), Seeking Higher Office | Vulnerable: <br> T: Pete Sessions (R-TX), Chairman LR: Rob Woodall (R-GA) |
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| Science, Space, and Technology | Exiting: <br> Colleen Hanabusa (D-HI), Seeking Higher Office Jacky Rosen (D-NV), Seeking Higher Office Elizabeth Esty (D-CT), Retiring <br> Vulnerable: <br> LLD: Ami Bera (D-CA), Ranking Member | Exiting: <br> Jim Bridenstine (R-OK), Confirmed as Administrator of NASA Lamar Smith (R-TX), Chairman, Retiring <br> Vulnerable: <br> LD: Barbara Comstock (R-VA) <br> T: Troy Balderson (R-OH) <br> T: Randy Hultgren (R-IL) <br> T: Stephen Knight (R-CA) <br> T: Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) <br> LLR: Debbie Lesko (R-AZ) |
| Small Business | Vulnerable: <br> LLD: Stephanie Murphy (D-FL) | Vulnerable: <br> LD: Rod Blum (R-IA) <br> T: Dave Brat (R-VA) <br> T: Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) <br> T: Steve Knight (R-CA) <br> LR: Steven Chabot (R-OH), Chairman <br> LR: Steve King (R-IA) |
|  |  | Exiting: <br> Lou Barletta (R-PA), Seeking Higher Office Todd Rokita (R-IN), Seeking Higher Office John Duncan Jr. (R-TN), Retiring Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ), Retiring Bill Shuster (R-PA), Chairman, Retiring Blake Farenthold (R-TX), Resigned in 2018 Mark Sanford (R-SC), Lost Primary |
| Transportation and Infrastructure | Exiting: <br> Elizabeth Esty (D-CT), Retiring <br> Rick Nolan (D-MN), Retiring Michael Capuano (D-MA), Lost Primary | Vulnerable: <br> LD: Barbara Comstock (R-VA) <br> LD: Jason Lewis (R-MN) <br> T: Jeff Denham (R-CA) <br> T: John Faso (R-NY) <br> LR: Mike Bost (R-IL) <br> LR: Rodney Davis (R-IL) <br> LR: Duncan Hunter (R-CA) <br> LR: John Katko (R-NY) <br> LR: Brian Mast (R-FL) <br> LR: Scott Perry (R-PA) <br> LR: Rob Woodall (R-GA) <br> LR: Don Young (R-AK) <br> LLR: Doug LaMalfa (R-CA) |


| Veterans' Affairs | Exiting: <br> Beto O'Rourke (D-TX), Seeking Higher Office Tim Walz (RMN), Ranking Member, Seeking Higher Office | Vulnerable: <br> LD: Mike Coffman (R-CO) <br> T: Bruce Poliquin (R-ME) <br> LR: Mike Bost (R-IL) <br> LR: Brian Mast (R-FL) <br> LLR: Jack Bergman (R-MI) |
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|  |  | Exiting: <br> Diane Black (R-TN), Seeking Higher Office Jim Renacci (R-OH), Seeking Higher Office Kristi Noem (R-SD), Seeking Higher Office Lynn Jenkins (R-KS), Retiring Sam Johnson (R-TX), Retiring David Reichert (R-WA), Retiring Pat Tiberi ( $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{OH}$ ), Resigned in 2018 Patrick Meehan (R-PA), Resigned in 2018 |
| Ways and Means | Exiting: <br> Sander Levin (D-MI), Retiring Joseph Crowley (D-NY), Lost Primary | Vulnerable: <br> LD: Erik Paulsen (R-MN) <br> LD: Peter Roskam (R-IL) <br> T: Mike Bishop (R-MI) <br> T: Carlos Curbelo (R-FL) <br> LR: Vern Buchanan (R-FL) <br> LR: George Holding (R-NC) <br> LR: Mike Kelly (R-PA) <br> LLR: Kenny Marchant (R-TX) <br> LLR: Devin Nunes (R-CA) <br> LLR: Tom Reed (R-NY) <br> LLR: David Schweikert (R-AZ) <br> LLR: Jackie Walorski (R-IN) |
| Intelligence |  | Exiting: <br> Trey Gowdy (R-SC), Retiring Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ), Retiring Tom Rooney (R-FL), Retiring Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Retiring <br> Vulnerable: <br> LR: Will Hurd (R-TX) <br> LLR: Peter King (R-NY) <br> LLR: Devin Nunes (R-CA) <br> LLR: Elise Stefanik (R-NY) <br> LLR: Michael Turner (R-OH) |

