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Cassidy predicts Letlow win

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Republican Louisiana Sen. Bill Cassidy said he won't endorse Congresswoman Julia Letlow in her Senate campaign, but predicted that she will easily win the Nov. 3 election to replace him.

Letlow, who gave up her 5th Congressional District seat to run for Senate, beat Cassidy and state Treasurer John



Letlow

Fleming in the Republican party primary election. She faces Democrat Jamie Davis in the general election.

Cassidy finished third in the primary after Trump endorsed Letlow. Trump and Republican voters never forgave Cassidy for his vote to convict Trump in the president's 2021 impeachment trial.

"She hasn't asked me for my endorsement," Cassidy said Sept. 15 during a conference call with reporters. "She doesn't need my endorsement. She has President Trump's endorsement, and that what matters in our state."

Cassidy said he won't play any role in Letlow's campaign.

"Our state is a Republican state; a Republican is going to get elected and she won the closed party primary,"

Cassidy said. "I anticipate her winning 60% to 40%, something like that, or 55% to 45%."

Mail-in election ballots

Cassidy said he supports the Supreme Court's ruling this week that declined to let the U.S. Postal Service tighten the use of mail-in ballots ahead

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EPA repeal puts focus on 'Cancer Alley'

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On Sept. 14, 2026, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lee Zeldin finalized the partial repeal of the Carbon Pollution Standards for Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units. • It is said its to be done in order to ensure affordable and reliable energy supplies. • The repeal, which was backed by Trump, is the largest power sector deregulatory action in U.S. history, says the EPA. Now, Trump wants to repeal all remaining greenhouse gas emissions standards for power plants. • Under the Clean Air Act, Carbon Pollution Standards enforced limits on carbon emissions based on the EPA's evaluation. The limits reduced millions of metric tons of harmful air pollutants that are known to endanger public health.

How polluted is Louisiana? How many metric tons of carbon emissions are released into air

In Louisiana, close to 150 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents are emitted from facilities across a number of sectors, according to the EPA. Emissions in Louisiana are likely much higher than this number, as the EPA's report does not include agricultural sectors and facilities with emissions below 25,000 metric tons.

Louisiana is among the most polluted states in the U.S., but around 66% of Louisiana's greenhouse gas

emissions were produced from facilities in one specific area.

How much more polluted is Cancer Alley than the rest of the state?

"Cancer Alley" refers to an 85-mile stretch of communities along the banks of the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge where residents live in close proximity to approximately 200 fossil fuel and petrochemical operations, according to Human Rights Watch.

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Johnson supports AM radio legislation

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U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson of Shreveport-Bossier said a bill passed by the House this week to mandate AM radios in every new vehicle is critical for states like Louisiana during disasters like hurricanes.

The House cleared the AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act (H.R. 979) Sept. 15. It would still have to pass the Senate and be signed by President Trump to become law.

"When disaster strikes — especially in hurricane and tornado-prone states like

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Seeking volunteers for '27 Rose Parade float

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Louisiana will roll again in the 2027 Rose Parade, and you can help decorate the float.

Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser, the state's tourism CEO, said as many as 200 volunteers sign up each year to travel to Pasadena, California, to place the thousands of roses on Louisiana's signature float.

"It's a great festive atmosphere where you meet people from all over the world," Nungesser said Sept. 15 in an interview with USA Today Network. "The volunteers have a great time, make lasting friendships and enjoy all kind of perks and access."

Nungesser said volunteers are fed New Orleans beignets for breakfast and Louisiana seafood for lunch. There are shuttles to and from the float warehouse, and volunteers can work

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