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### CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

## Guskiewicz not taking president job

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Clemson University announced on its social media that the school board of trustees learned that president-elect Kevin Guskiewicz has chosen to remain at Michigan State University for personal reasons.

At a May 27 board of trustees meeting, the board announced the 60-year-

old Guskiewicz as the 16th president in the university's history, who looked to take over for Jim Clements, who stepped down on Dec. 31, 2025, after serving 12 years at Clemson.

Guskiewicz had served as president of Michigan State University for nearly two years before accepting the position at Clemson.

"After much thought, countless conversations and careful consideration, I have decided to remain at Michigan



**Guskiewicz**

State University and continue serving as your president," Guskiewicz said in a statement. "When I came to Michigan State, I did so because I believed deeply in the promise of this university and in the people who make it exceptional.

"Over the past two years, that belief has only grown stronger. Every day, I

have the privilege of witnessing the remarkable work of our faculty, staff, students, alumni, and supporters. I have seen lives transformed through education, discoveries that improve our world, and a community that continually rises to meet challenges with resilience, compassion, and purpose."

Michigan State Trustee Dennis Denno, who is part of the board's 7-1

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## Birthright citizenship limits face slim odds

### GOP unlikely to pass legislation this Congress

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WASHINGTON – House Speaker Mike Johnson is insisting that congressional Republicans are "looking at all angles" to slap limits on birthright citizenship after the Supreme Court shielded it from President Donald Trump's order to redefine who is an American.

In a July 5 interview on "Fox News Sunday," the Louisiana Republican said GOP lawmakers in the House of Representatives would move quickly to respond.

"If there's some legislative fix, we'll advance that immediately," Johnson said. "If it's a constitutional amendment, as you know, it takes a little more time. But we've got to address this."

While that promise certainly isn't hollow, the chances of Congress intervening in the near future to curb birthright citizenship are very low.

Whatever the options Johnson has, they're long shots – especially in a mid-term election year, when GOP leaders are dramatically struggling to capitalize on the little time they have left before November.

With ultra-slim Republican margins in the House and Senate, lawmakers are having a tough time completing the basics of legislating. There's no realistic way for a constitutional amendment that controversial – which requires two-thirds approval from both chambers and three-fourths of the states to ratify – could pass in this Congress.

Still, Trump is adding it to his list of demands for GOP legislators, even though that demand could derail them from tending to the rest of his legislative agenda.

"Congress should start TODAY to work on ending expensive and unfair to our Country, Birthright Citizenship. They will have my Complete and Total Support!" he wrote in a June 30 social media post.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh, a Trump appointee, was part of the 6-3 court majority that overturned the president's executive order on June 30.

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Members of the media follow former Spartanburg Sheriff Chuck Wright as he leaves after being sentenced by U.S. District Judge Timothy Cain on July 7, at the Federal Courthouse in Greenville. PHOTOS BY ALEX MARTIN/GREENVILLE NEWS

## Former Spartanburg County sheriff sentenced to 41 months

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Former Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright was sentenced Tuesday to 41 months in federal prison and three years of supervised release, closing a corruption case that led to his conviction on fraud, drug, and theft charges.

Wright will have to self-report in 45 days. Defense attorneys argued that Wright was not a flight risk and that his cooperation with the FBI should allow him to self-report.

"No doubt, during his tenure, he did good things," U.S. District Judge Timothy M. Cain said minutes before handing down the sentence in front of a packed courtroom. "Over the years, he did not honor his oath as sheriff... The illegal activity took place over a long period of time. What happened is an indictment of a system that created an environment where the defendant acted with impunity."

His defense attorneys requested that Wright be sentenced to Federal Correctional Institution Jesup in Jesup, Georgia, since it has the Residential Drug Abuse Treatment Program, an intensive cognitive behavioral therapy program offered in some federal prison facilities. The Bureau of Prisons will decide where he will self-report.

The Jesup facility is a medium-to minimum-security prison camp.

Wright will also have to begin making monthly payments of \$1,800 toward \$463,866 in restitution.

"I was in a position of trust and responsibility, and I failed you. I squandered a job that I couldn't



**Wright arriving to be sentenced at the Federal Courthouse.**

have even thought I'd have as a child due to my decisions," Wright said during the hearing before the sentencing. "I ask for your forgiveness."

Wright was sentenced July 7 at the Carroll A. Campbell Jr. Courthouse, 250 E. North St., in Greenville, marking the conclusion of a years-long case. After both sides had pleaded their case, U.S. District Judge Timothy M. Cain returned to the courtroom and handed down the sentence for Wright.

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