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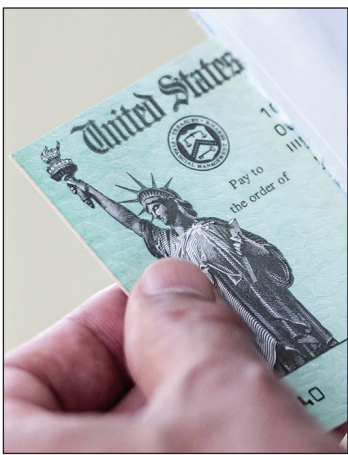
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Deadline for La. Residents to Claim IRS Stimulus Check is Oct. 15



Thousands of Louisiana residents are leaving money on the table, according to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The IRS announced Thursday, Sept. 17 almost 160,000 people in Louisiana haven't claimed their stimulus checks. If you have not yet claimed your stimulus checks, you should receive a letter from the IRS letting you know you are still eligible to claim it. The deadline to apply for that check is Oct. 15.

The Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) "Get My Payment" tool guides citizens through a process where they can submit their social security number and personal bank account information. Click here to go to visit the IRS' website and use the "Get My Payment" tool.

That process allows citizens to receive payments more quickly, as delivering paper checks may not begin until May.

More: Didn't file a tax return? Here's how you register to receive a \$1,200 coronavirus stimulus payment

The IRS is not contacting anyone to collect personal or bank account information.

Calls, texts, emails, and official-looking postcards or printouts that suggest otherwise are scams.

Checks that appear to show an overpayment are also scams. Folks who earn up to

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Biden Campaign, DNC Announce New Vote-By-Mail Features on IWillVote.com

BY STACY M. BROWN, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

On Monday, Sept. 14, the Joe Biden for President campaign and the Democratic National Committee (DNC) have announced new features on IWillVote.com – the DNC's voter participation website – that will help voters easily request and return their ballot by mail.

According to the campaign, the site will also help visitors learn important information about the voting process in their state as they make their plan to vote.

Previously, an individual could use the site to check or update their registration and find voting locations. The new user experience will also guide a voter through their best voting-by-mail option based on their state and county regulations, including:

Requesting a ballot online. A voter will be directed to their state's online vote-by-mail request form.

Requesting a ballot by email. A voter completes a vote-by-mail request form, including uploading a picture of their signature (where required), on com. The form is



If you are a registered voter, chances are you've received a folded-up card in the mail in recent weeks with the words "Official 2020 Vote by Mail Application" emblazoned on it in big block lettering.

automatically emailed to the state.

Printing and mailing their request. A voter completes a vote-

by-mail request form on com. The

voter then prints, signs, and mails the request form to the state.

Requesting a prepaid return

envelope: A voter completes a vote-by-mail request form on

com and requests a prepaid return envelope. The voter will then receive their completed request form via mail to sign and return in a prepaid return envelope.

Additionally, IWillVote.com has been updated with new state-specific voter education pages and resources – to help voters easily find their states' deadlines to vote by mail, early, or in person, as well as other important information about their states' voting process.

"How ever voters choose to cast their ballots, these updates to the IWillVote.com site provide the tools necessary to exercise their right to participate in our democracy and ensure our community's voice is heard in this critical election," said DNC National Press Secretary Brandon Gassaway.

"Our lives and our livelihoods are at stake this November, and we're doing everything in our power to ensure every voter has all the information they need to make a plan to vote and send Joe Biden and Kamala Harris to the White House," Gassaway declared.

Councilwoman Banks Announces Bid for Re-Election EBR Metro Council, District 2



Councilwoman Chauna Banks participates in Food Bank food distribution and collections.

It has been my privilege to serve as an EBR Metro Council member since 2013. I am proud of the work that we have been able to accomplish to this point, but the job is not done.

Several weeks ago, I qualified as a candidate for a third term in the November 3rd municipal election. My attention was soon directed to the care of my mother, Estella Square Banks. After my mother passed, I was diagnosed with the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and have since made a full recovery.

During these challenging



Councilwoman Chauna Banks - Metro Council District 2

times, I often reflected on the importance of walking in my purpose. Confident that God will continue to give me the provisions and resources to make things happen, I launch my campaign. I will continue to provide both the efficient and effective leadership that our District 2 residents deserve, while encouraging economic development and promoting local opportunity.

We have made tremendous progress with the expansion and renovation of the Baton Rouge

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Judge Blocks Postal Service Changes that Slowed Mail Delivery

SEATTLE — A U.S. judge on Thursday granted a request to temporarily block controversial Postal Service changes that have been accused of slowing mail nationwide, calling them "a politically motivated attack" ahead of the 2020 presidential election.

Judge Stanley Bastian in Yakima, Wash., said he was issuing a nationwide preliminary injunction against the USPS sought by 14 states that sued the Trump administration and the Postal Service.

The states, all led by Democratic attorneys general, challenged the Postal Service's so-called "leave behind" policy, where trucks have been leaving postal facilities on time regardless of whether there is more mail to load. They also sought to force the Postal Service to treat election mail as first-class mail.

The judge noted after a hearing that Trump had repeatedly attacked voting by mail by claiming that it is rife with fraud.

American voters are expected to vote by mail in record numbers this November because of the lingering COVID-19 pandemic. The states have expressed concern that delays might result in voters not receiving ballots or

registration forms in time.

"The states have demonstrated the defendants are involved in a politically motivated attack on the efficiency of the Postal Service," Bastian said, adding that the changes created "a substantial possibility many voters will be disenfranchised."

Postal Service spokesman Dave Partenheimer said in a statement that "there should be no doubt that the Postal Service is ready and committed to handle whatever volume of election mail it receives."

Following a national uproar, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, a major donor to President Trump and to Republicans, announced he was suspending some changes — including the removal of iconic blue mailboxes in many cities and the decommissioning of mail processing machines. Other changes remained in place, however, and the states have asked the court to block them.

Led by Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson, the states said the Postal Service made the changes without first bringing them to the Postal Regulatory Commission for public

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STATE & LOCAL

Corey Smith, Candidate for Metro Council District 6

I'm Corey Smith, your progressive candidate for Metro Council District 6. I'm asking for your support and, most importantly, your VOTE. Early voting begins October 16th, 2020. Election Day is November 3, 2020. I'm not running for an office, I'm running for you and your family. As a teacher, I have fought on the frontlines for your children to have access to quality instruction and pertinent resources to succeed beyond the classroom.



Corey Smith

As a former board chairman for a local charter school, I have created policies and procedures as well as balanced budgets to promote growth and strengthen the stability of the organization. As a business consultant, I help individuals start up and grow their businesses on a daily basis. As a community advocate,

I connect many individuals and families to equitable resources that increase their quality of life. As your councilman, I will continue fighting to ensure your family has access to fair and impartial resources that facilitate opportunities for current and upcoming generations. My mission as your councilman is to create more jobs for the citizen of EBR.

Once elected, I will work with our small business owners to become vendors with the city-parish by showing them how to properly bid on city projects. I will

sponsor an ordinance that favors our local businesses in the bidding process which further supports our citizens. In order to attract new businesses to our district, we must tackle the blighted properties in our area. They not only discourage businesses from moving into our community, they serve as HUBS for crime.

My administration will prioritize fixing our roads and infrastructure, upgrading and expanding our drainage system, and finding practical solutions for traffic. As your councilman, I pledge to you the TripleA Guarantee: Accountability Across the board All of the time - for every department in city-parish government. I LIVE here, work here, and worship here. I am Ready to SERVE HERE! VOTE Corey Smith #113 on the ballot!

Christopher Dassau Announce Candidacy for Judge 19th Judicial District Court

This message is to announce my candidacy for judge in the 19th Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish. The election date is November 3, 2020. I have served as the City Prosecutor for Baker since 2012, in addition to representing clients in the private practice of law. As prosecutor, I work to protect the public and victims of crime, while also focusing on rehabilitation and social development opportunities for offenders where possible. I believe in honest public service where people are treated fairly and with respect. I will apply these principles to my service as judge.



Christopher Dassau

I am running for judge of Division G, Section 2 in the 19th J.D.C. The election district is located in the northern part of EBR Parish, including the cities of Baker, Zachary, Central and Baton Rouge. The areas of Baton Rouge include Alsen, Brownfields, Greenwell Springs, Merrydale, Villa Del Rey, Sher-

wood, Sherwood Forest, Monticello, Park Forest, Broadmoor and Glen Oaks.

Please share this information with your friends and neighbors. I humbly ask you to support my campaign and vote for me on election day, November 3, 2020. I'm looking forward to sharing more information with you throughout this campaign. God bless us all and stay safe.

Councilwoman Erika L. Green Present Books from Personal Collection of Drs. Henry, Thelma Cobb



Councilwoman Erika L. Green present books from the personal collection of Drs. Henry and Thelma Cobb, former tenured Professors of Southern University.

Literacy is the foundation of learning; and as distinguished scholars in History and English, Drs. Henry and Thelma Cobb embodied the spirit of learning. Henry earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and English from Benedict College and went on to earn the Master and Doctor of Education degrees in American History and Educational Administration from Temple University. Proving to be his equal, Thelma earned her Bachelor of Science degree in English from Hampton University, followed by the Master of Arts degree in English from Hampton University. She earned the Doctor of Education degree from the University of Houston in Curriculum and Instruction with a minor in Multicultural Studies.

The illustrious couple embarked upon distinguished teaching careers at some of the nation's most notable HBCUs, including Tuskegee Institute and FAMU, before settling in as members of the faculty at Southern University and A&M College. As a scholar and noted historian, Henry was celebrated as one of the nation's premier teacher/lecturer of African American History. Thelma was a noted consultant on Women's Studies, Multicultural Education, Literacy, African American Literature and Ethnic Studies. She served as a tenured Professor at Southern for 30 years before retiring in 1989 and received designation as Professor Emeritus in English.

When Henry retired from the

University in 1991, he was honored and named as its first Distinguished Professor Emeritus. He was also the first Black American to teach at LSU when he served as the Special Lecturer for the university's first Negro History course in 1969.

What great accomplishments from this husband and wife dynamic duo! It is my hope that with this collection of English & African American Literature, and American & African American History, that your students will be enlightened by knowledge of their history that is far too often misconstrued or disregarded; and inspired by the depth and richness of the African American Culture.

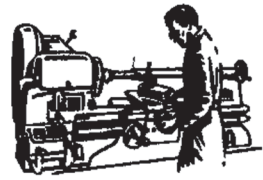
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comment and an advisory opinion, as required by federal law. They also said the changes interfered with their constitutional authority to administer their elections.

At the hearing, Justice Department attorney Joseph Borson said slow-downs caused by the "leave behind" policy had gotten better

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Gov. Edwards Adjusts Phase 3 Order to Extend Alcohol Sales By One Hour

BATON ROUGE, La. — Following discussions with restaurant and hospitality industry leaders, Gov. John Bel Edwards today altered his Phase 3 order to allow the on premises sale and consumption of alcohol until 11 p.m. at restaurants, casinos and bars in parishes that are eligible to opt in to reopen bars. However, all bars must still close by 11 p.m.

The Governor's order previously ended the sale or service of alcohol for on-site consumption at 10 p.m. as part of mitigation measures recommended by the White House and designed to reduce the spread of COVID-19 across the state. While bars re-

main closed for on-site consumption in some areas, in parishes with lower incidence of COVID, local government may opt in to open their bars. Four parishes that are eligible have opted in so far: Acadia, Jefferson Davis, St. Landry and Plaquemines.

"I had a productive discussion this week with several restauranters and the Louisiana Restaurant Association and agreed that allowing the sale and service of alcohol until 11 p.m. for on premises consumption was a meaningful change we could make to the Phase 3 order to benefit restaurants that may have later service. To be

consistent, my updated order will allow casinos and bars in parishes where they are allowed to be open to also serve alcohol for on-site consumption until 11 p.m. However, opened bars will still be required to close at 11 p.m.," Gov. Edwards said. "Limiting hours for alcohol consumption is designed to reduce the amount of higher risk behavior in the community. This change has been implemented in several states, including Colorado, and has also been recommended by the White House Coronavirus Task Force."

Louisiana Trust Launches Effort to Identify Former Rosenwald Schools Across State

BATON ROUGE, La. - In the early 20th century, a partnership between Booker T. Washington of the Tuskegee Institute and Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears & Roebuck, built thousands of schools for African American children in the rural areas of the South. Louisiana saw 442 of those 5400 school buildings constructed, with grants from Rosenwald and matching support from the local communities where they were built. Following desegregation, many of the schools were abandoned or demolished. The Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation (LTHP) has launched a new effort to identify and document the locations of these historic buildings (as well as those that have been lost) throughout the state.

used and maintained as a church, a community center, or even as a residence stood a better chance of survival.

LTHP has since set up an educational and resource center on lthp.org to gather information and memories about these schools and those who used them. This online center has additional resources including links to a searchable database and guides from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. LTHP encourages former students, teachers, their descendants, local libraries, and school boards or others with a connection to a former Rosenwald School to share any photos or information about the building.

If you think there is a former Rosenwald School in your community or parish, visit this site to learn and share more or contact info@lthp.org or 318-267-5220.

This effort began after a site visit with staff from the Claiborne Parish Library, where the former Mt. Olive Rosenwald School was identified and its condition assessed. Brian Davis, LTHP Executive Director, says, "Since the Louisiana Trust works in all 64 parishes, connecting building owners with the resources to preserve them, it makes sense to incorporate this project into our ongoing efforts to help insure that the buildings and their importance are not completely lost." Following desegregation, those Rosenwald Schools that were

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Zoo and Greenwood Park. The first phase, estimated to cost between \$25 and \$35 million, involves moving the zoo's entrance from Thomas Road to a connection off of La. 19 where a new 30,000-square foot entry complex will be constructed. It will house a gift shop, and space for camps and party rentals. A separate facelift for the adjoining Greenwood Community Park to better integrate it with the zoo. It also expands on the park's landscape adding more trails, sporting fields and such recreational amenities as zip lines, a mini golf course and outdoor concert venue.

Our entire EBR City-Parish as a whole has gained momentum in the area of health and wellness. We will continue to create opportunities that benefit EBR City-Parish citizens today while preserving it for future generations to come. I believe we are headed in the right direction. Let's keep the momentum!

My goals remain to create high quality jobs, launch new businesses, and increase property values. I am committed to working with all residents to insure that we live in a city-parish we can all be proud to call home. I ask for the opportunity to continue to serve as your advocate. Together we can build on our recent successes and keep District 2 moving forward to an even brighter future.

Recently, our community celebrated a new public-private partnership, which ended the long term vacancy of the New Era Medical Office Complex in Howell Place. Oceans Healthcare, Capital Area Human Services, Ochsner Health, and the Louisiana Center for Eyes will occupy the facility to provide care. Building a stronger community for better health by increased access to quality care in north Baton Rouge has been a tenacious pursuit. The project is expected to create over 100 new jobs, in addition to driving commerce in the surrounding area.

Successfully, we brought a halt to plans for a tire shredder plant to be located across from the Baton Rouge Airport. Now we are optimistic in our goal to pursue the relocation of the EBR Parish Prison and the Juvenile Detention Center. The available land use will foster economic development and commercial revitalization opportunities along the airport corridor that will benefit all of north Baton Rouge.

As a member of the city council, I have added to my understanding of local government and networked with other communities by attending conferences and other activities offered by the National League of Cities.

I have demonstrated my commitment to our community by actively serving. I have remembered my campaign pledges to you every day of my two terms and I have delivered on them. There is so much more we can still accomplish, and I am ready to take on the challenges.

Banks vision for the city-parish include her District 2 council goals with this plan. Some of her key goals include:

- Continue to serve with Integrity;
- Continue to explore economic development;
- Continue to champion progressive opportunities for the district;
- Reviewing/revising the Plan of Government;
- Working to continue to improve Infrastructure; and,
- Improving community facilities and public services.

Over the past year we have accomplished a great deal of progress towards the goals for District 2. Being re-elected will allow me to continue the work towards our ultimate goal: to make Metro District 2 a great place to live, work, play, and worship!

Councilwoman Banks is a career employee with East Baton Rouge Parish School System. She believes that the school system, though a separate political subdivision, plays an important role in both the success of the children and growth of the community.

An appeal desire to see collaboration between the Scotlandville community and Southern University Baton Rouge campus is a welcomed partnership. We believe all the benefits that will come with a Scotlandville His-

MEET COREY for COUNCIL 6

I am COREY SMITH, and I am working to serve the people of District 6, as your progressive candidate for change. I have met with residents and businesses owners and I hear your needs and concerns. I am a Teacher, Community Organizer, and LDH Public Health Ambassador committed to increasing the quality of life for everyone. I love this city and this district. I live here, work here, worship here, and am READY TO SERVE HERE. I ask for your prayers, support, and most importantly YOUR VOTE!



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SUNSET PADDLE

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BY CREFLO DOLLAR

We all want to see good things happen in our lives, but many of us have no idea how to make those things come to pass. Some people think that the ability to attract anything good to themselves is out of their control, and that good luck randomly descends on only a few chosen individuals. However, luck has nothing to do with it. When we exercise our faith, we can actually bring something into existence merely by speaking the Word.

In the beginning, God brought creation into existence by the power of His spoken Word (Genesis 1:3-29). He confidently commanded, and literally created, something out of nothing. This is awesome, but many people don't realize they have the same power. God the Father gave this power to His Son (Matthew 28:18), who in turn transferred it to us when we became born again. "Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the



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enemy [possesses]; and nothing shall in any way harm you" (Luke 10:19, AMPC).

Believers have the same ability to get results as God. When Jesus walked the earth, He commanded healing and brought the dead back to life. We have been given the same authority. "... Even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were" (Romans 4:17).

The ability to speak things into

existence is actually a spiritual law that comes into play by faith. Jesus demonstrated this power with the centurion who asked Jesus to heal his servant. The man simply asked for verbal confirmation of that healing, and believed it before he saw it. The result was supernatural.

And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed... When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel... And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour (Matthew 8:7, 8, 10, 13).

The power of our speech applies to all areas of our life, whether it's concerning our families, our relationships, our finances, or our jobs. We have the right to command into existence peace in our marriages, happiness in our children,

tranquility in our households, and stability in our finances. With this in mind, we must be careful, because this works for evil as well as for good. "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit" (Proverbs 15:4). Whatever we experience in the physical realm is first born in the spiritual realm.

The tongue can either be a blessing or a curse, and what we repeatedly declare can manifest in us as well as in others. We should be mindful of what we speak into our—and others'—lives. Ignorance of the authority of the spoken word can bring pain and suffering. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof" (Proverbs 18:21). It's our choice whether we bring to life something evil or something good; we must speak life.

For more on using our speech to agree with God's Word and speak good things into existence, click on the link below for the DVD, *Commanding the Power of God*.

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Tasha Cobbs Leonard Drops New Single 'Royalty'

The 35th Annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards Artist of the Year, Tasha Cobbs Leonard, releases the title track "Royalty" with a captivating performance video, from the highly awaited album *Royalty: Live At The Ryman*. The album is now available for pre-order and pre-add here.



Tasha Cobbs Leonard

The Worship Artist returns with the powerful mid-tempo worship song "Royalty," a follow-up to the album's breakout debut singles "Pour It Out" and "Release The Sound." The melodic praise title song reminds listeners that God's view of them has always been a vision of us as His chil-

dren: "I am royalty/I am who You called me... My Father is King/I believe I am Yours."

Wanting to give fans the experience of making the album at the historic Ryman Auditorium during the global pandemic, Tasha Cobbs Leonard will stream the documentary film event, *An Audience of One: The Making of Royalty*. This one-night-only streaming event takes place on Thursday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m. EST.

This 60-minute film follows Tasha as she readies the recording and release of her first full album since 2017's historic *Heart. Passion. Pursuit.*, the highest-selling



gospel album of the past three years. Featuring high-definition concert video from the Ryman Auditorium, this "making of" documentary is loaded with behind-the-scenes content, rehearsal footage, and exclusive interviews

with Tasha Cobbs Leonard and her team. Tickets for *An Audience of One: The Making of Royalty* is available now and can be purchased here.

Fans can head over to the merch table and grab exclusive *Royalty* merchandise, now available on Tasha's D2C store. Some hot merch includes the new digital album, an acid wash grey t-shirt with custom *Royalty* logo, and even a limited-edition Hatch Show Print to commemorate Tasha's historic recording at The Ryman. Shop for exclusive *Royalty* merchandise at www.royaltymerchtable.com.

Royalty: Live At The Ryman is scheduled to release on September 25.

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Louisiana Seafood Industry Struggling During Pandemic; Business Owners Hope to See Relief



BATON ROUGE, La. - Louisiana's commercial fishermen are struggling during the coronavirus pandemic, but they now have the option to apply for assistance from the CARES Act.

Reporters spoke with seafood businesses about how demand for the product has gone down.

Since the start of the pandemic, fewer people are eating out at local seafood restaurants. Restaurants are restricted on how many people can dine at once, meaning fewer people are eating those delicious seafood platters.

Fishermen who sell their catch to restaurants are feeling the pressure.

"I think the price has to

come down because if you don't have sales you can't just keep a price at a level that there's no sale for," says Al Sunseri who is the co-owner of P&J's Oyster Company.

Sunseri explains that business has been hard because restaurants are unable to operate at full capacity. So, fishermen aren't seeing a high demand for a crab, shrimp, or oysters.

However, local seafood restaurants are eager to get back to serving their full menu to normal size crowds.

"I want to see all restaurants do good. It going to 75% is great, but you...100% whenever everything is better. So, hopefully, that's soon... everybody will be at full

capacity. Everybody will be back doing good again," says Mike Anderson Jr. who owns Mike Anderson's Seafood.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) is now stepping in to try and help these commercial fishermen secure funding made available from the CARES Act.

"Business is not up to par, so the industries have been having a hard time getting their products out to folks," says Jason Duet who is the biologist director for LDWF.

Struggling seafood businesses can apply to receive financial help from the CARES Act to keep them afloat until restaurants start serving more seafood.

Louisiana Small Businesses Endorse Bill Cassidy for Re-Election

BATON ROUGE, La. — The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, today endorsed Senator Bill Cassidy for re-election to the United States Senate.

"Senator Cassidy is a true champion for Louisiana's small businesses," said Dawn Starns, NFIB's Louisiana State Director. "He understands what our members care about and has consistently stood with them, earning a 100% voting record from NFIB during his time in the U.S. Senate. That's why we're proud to endorse him today for re-election. Small businesses in our state need a strong supporter now more than ever, and we are confident that Senator Cassidy will continue to be just that."

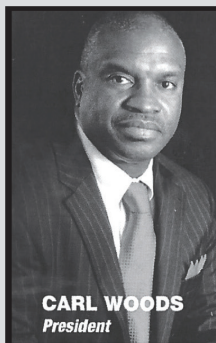
"Senator Cassidy is the advocate that small businesses in Louisiana and across the country need," said NFIB National Political Director Sharon Sussin. "He is a leader on tax and healthcare issues, which are top priorities for small business owners. We are pleased to endorse Senator Cassidy for re-election, and we look forward to continuing to work with him."

Bill Cassidy's endorsement today comes from NFIB FedPAC, the organization's political action committee. NFIB FedPAC is funded by NFIB member donations above membership dues. Decisions made by NFIB FedPAC are managed by a member-driven grassroots evaluation process. Small business owners are influential in their communities and NFIB members in Louisiana will work hard to re-elect Bill Cassidy.

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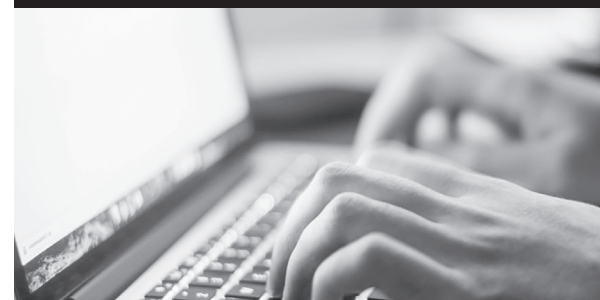
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