

## **Resolution of the Saluda County Republican Party Requesting Senators Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott to Support a “Talking Filibuster” Rule in the United States Senate**

**Whereas**, the United States Senate’s filibuster is a vital legislative safeguard designed to encourage deliberation, protect minority viewpoints, and ensure that significant legislation receives broad consensus before passage; and

**Whereas**, the Senate’s current practice allows a largely silent or procedural filibuster that enables a minority of senators to block legislation without the necessity of extended debate or sustained public argument on the Senate floor; and

**Whereas**, this modern application has contributed to legislative gridlock, undermined transparency, and diminished the deliberative character that has historically distinguished the Senate; and

**Whereas**, a return to a “talking filibuster”—requiring senators who wish to delay action on legislation to physically hold the floor, address the body, and publicly defend their position—would restore accountability, enhance public understanding of key issues, and encourage compromise rather than obstruction; and

**Whereas**, a rule change establishing a talking filibuster would not abolish the filibuster itself but rather strengthen its original intent as a tool of principled debate rather than silent paralysis; and

**Whereas**, Republican voters and grassroots leaders in South Carolina have consistently expressed support for reforms that increase transparency, uphold constitutional governance, and ensure that elected officials are directly accountable to the people they serve; and

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that the **Saluda County Republican Party** respectfully requests that **Senator Lindsey Graham** and **Senator Tim Scott**, representing the State of South Carolina, actively support and publicly advocate for a change in the Rules of the United States Senate to require a “talking filibuster” for legislative debates; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Saluda County Republican Party urges Senators Graham and Scott to withhold support from any rule changes that would abolish the filibuster entirely, and instead to champion reforms that preserve the filibuster while requiring sustained, public debate on the Senate floor; and

**Be it further resolved**, that upon adoption of this resolution, the Chairman of the Saluda County Republican Party, or his/her designee, shall transmit copies of this resolution to Senators Lindsey Graham

and Tim Scott, to the members of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and to the officers and Executive Committee of the South Carolina Republican Party; and

**Be it further resolved,** that the Saluda County Republican Party will inform Republican voters within Saluda County of the positions and actions taken by Senators Graham and Scott regarding this requested rules change, so that citizens may better hold their representatives accountable.

Adopted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, by the **Saluda County Republican Party** in duly called meeting.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: This resolution was adopted by the Saluda County Republican Party on the date indicated above and entered into the official records of the organization.