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**BEAUFORT REGIONAL CHAMBER TO HOST CANDIDATES FORUM**

**(Beaufort, SC)** – The Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with *The Beaufort Gazette*, the Lady’s Island Business and Professional Association and the Lowcountry Young Professionals, will host a primary candidates’ forum on Thursday, June 5 at 6 p.m. at TCL’s building 12.

*The Beaufort Gazette* is soliciting questions from the public and we encourage everyone to submit questions to [jcato@beaufortgazette.com](mailto:jcato@beaufortgazette.com). Candidates that are in session can designate a proxy to participate on their behalf. The schedule and candidate confirmations are as follows. Candidates with asterisks have not confirmed attendance.

6 p.m. – U.S. Senate

*Moderator – Jim Cato, editorial page editor. Beaufort Gazette*  
For incumbent Lindsay Graham (R) – State Treasurer Converse Chellis  
Buddy Whitherspoon (R)  
Michael Cone (D)  
Bob Conley (D)\*

7 p.m. – U.S. Congressional Seat District 2

*Moderator – Rick Forschner, talk show host with WAGP*  
Incumbent Joe Wilson (R) – Proxy TBD  
Phil Black (R)  
Robert Miller (D)  
Blaine Lotz (D)

8 p.m. – Beaufort County District 9

*Moderator – Rick Forschner, talk show host with WAGP*  
Bill Bootle (R)  
Brian Flewelling (R)  
Tommy O’Brien (R)

8:45 p.m. – South Carolina Senate Seat 46

*Moderator – Rick Forschner, talk show host with WAGP*  
Incumbent Catherine Ceips (R)  
Tom Davis (R)

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The Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce has more than 900 business members. The chamber plays a leading role in representing businesses and providing a common voice to bring concerns and solutions to local, state and federal governing bodies. Educational opportunities provided by the chamber are designed to enhance and support the growth of small businesses. The Chamber is the designated marketing organization for tourism to the City of Beaufort, the Town of Port Royal and the unincorporated areas of Beaufort County. The Chamber partners with a wide variety of non-profit organizations and businesses to market the hospitality industry and to attract visitors.