

Agenda & Registration

January 26, 2026 • 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Alexion, AstraZeneca Rare Disease • Virtual

Navigating Change: Advancing Connecticut Life Sciences

Amid Federal Policy Challenges

8:00 am Registration and light breakfast

8:30 am Welcome:

- **Jodie Gillon**, President and CEO, BioCT
- **Scott Weintraub**, Senior Vice President, United States Business, Alexion, AstraZeneca Rare Disease

8:45 am Opening Remarks: **Dan O’Keefe**, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development

8:55 am Panel 1: Navigating Federal Headwinds to Create Life Sciences Opportunities in Connecticut

- **Moderator: Linda Malek**, Partner & CHS Managing Director, Crowell & Moring
- **Richard Blumenthal**, U.S. Senator
- **Nancy J. Brown**, Jean and David W. Wallace Dean, Yale School of Medicine
- **Aiken Hackett**, Senior Vice President, Federal Government Relations, Biotechnology Innovation Organization
- **Delman Lebel**, Head of U.S. Corporate Affairs, Alexion, AstraZeneca Rare Disease

Topics: Shifting federal priorities, new opportunities for companies (onshoring, supply chain security), how other states are responding, spurring CT action.

9:40 am Bioscience Caucus Co-Chairs—What’s Coming in 2026: **Rob Anderson**, Vice President Corporate Affairs, Boehringer Ingelheim

10:00 am Panel 2: Ensuring a Competitive Fiscal and Policy Environment for Connecticut Life Sciences

- **Moderator: Matthew O’Donnell**, Senior Director, State Government Affairs, Alexion, AstraZeneca Rare Disease
- **John Houston**, CEO and President, Arvinas
- **Matthew Lesser**, Connecticut State Senator
- **Tracy Marra**, Connecticut State Representative
- **Zvonimir Vrselja**, CEO, Bexorg

10:45 am Introduction to Governor: **Ken Hiscoe**, Director of Government Relations, Pfizer

10:50 am Governor’s Remarks: **Ned Lamont**, Governor of the State of Connecticut

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