

# Agenda & Registration

January 26, 2026 • 8:30 – 11:30 am

Alexion • 100 College St, New Haven

*Navigating Change: Advancing Connecticut Life Sciences  
Amid Federal Policy Challenges*

## Event Schedule

- 8:00 am**     **Registration and light breakfast**
- 8:30 am**     **Welcome: Alexion**
- 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
  - ***Delman Lebel***, Head of U.S. Corporate Affairs, Alexion
  - ***Aiken Hackett***, Senior Vice President, Federal Government Relations, Biotechnology Innovation Organization
  - ***Nancy J. Brown***, Jean and David W. Wallace Dean, Yale School of Medicine
- 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: *Jodie Gillon***, President and CEO, BioCT
  - ***Tracy Marra***, Connecticut State Representative
  - ***Matthew Lesser***, Connecticut State Senator
  - ***Zvonimir Vrselja***, CEO, Bexorg
  - ***John Houston***, CEO and President, Arvinas
- 10:45 am**     **Introduction to Governor: *Raja Mangipudy***, Site Head, Groton
- 10:50 am**     **Governor’s Remarks: *Ned Lamont***, Governor of the State of Connecticut (Invited)

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