

Agenda & Registration

January 26, 2026 • 8:30 am - 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: Scott Weintraub**, Senior Vice President, United States Business, 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
 - **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
- 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 T. O’Donnell**, Senior Director, State Government Affairs, Alexion
 - **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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