

# Agenda & Registration

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

January 26, 2026 • 8:30 am - 11:30 am  
Alexion • 100 College St, New Haven

## 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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