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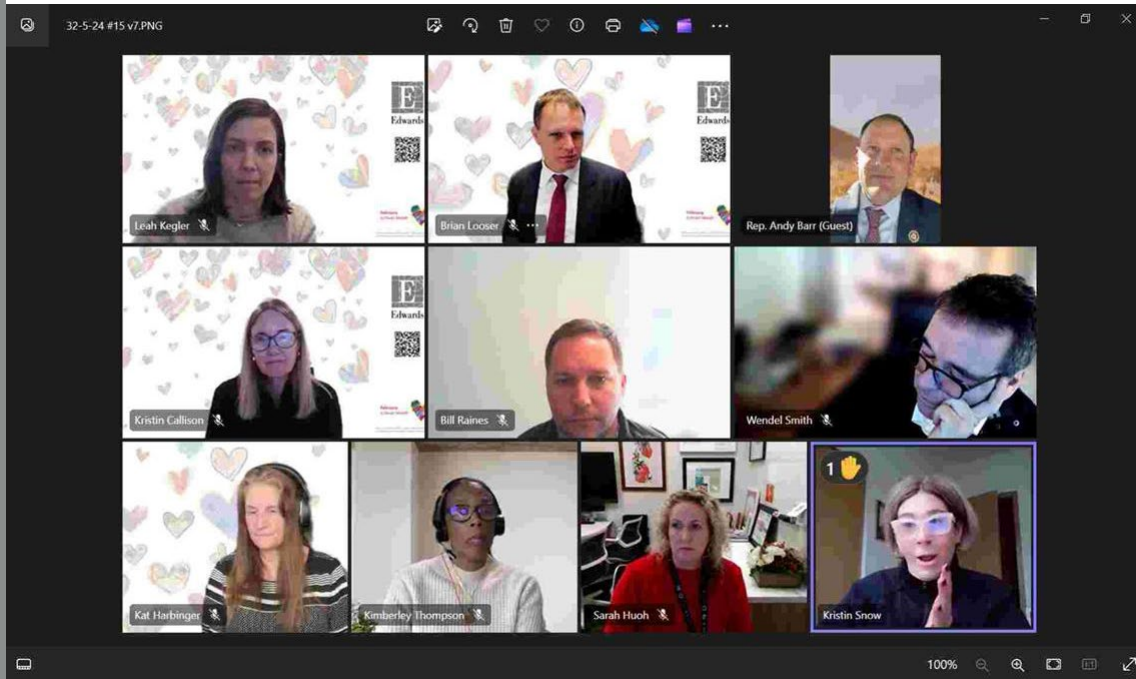
Edwards PAC Teams Town Hall January 10, 2024

On January 10th, The Edwards PAC hosted a Teams Town Hall with California Senator Alex Padilla in partnership with HOLA and Rainbow Alliance ERGs. Arnie Pinkston joined as a co-host for the call. During the widely attended Town Hall, Senator Padilla focused on his work to increase access to healthcare, his advocacy as a founder of the Senate Mental Health Caucus, and his leadership on Immigration reform issues.



Edwards PAC Teams Townhall February 5, 2024

On Monday, February 5th, in observance of American Heart Month, Edwards PAC and E.NOW Employee Resource Group (ERG) were joined by Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY) who, after the unfortunate death of his wife due to a mitral prolapse in 2020, shepherded the Cardiovascular Advances in Research and Opportunities Legacy (CAROL) Act into law. This 'Teams Town Hall' provided an opportunity for Edwards employees to learn more about Rep. Barr's priorities as a champion for patients and discuss his efforts to advance federal research related to heart valve disease.



BioUtah's Annual Life Sciences Day, February 7, 2024



On February 7th we were excited to participate in BioUtah's annual Life Sciences Day

on Capitol Hill where we hosted a table at the Utah State Capitol. At this event, hosted along with the Utah Life Sciences Innovation Caucus and Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, we were able to share the story of Edwards and our patients with Utah State Legislators, their staff, and various other Utah State officials.

The event was meant to highlight the explosive growth of Utah's life sciences industry and how it has become a major force in Utah's economy. With more than \$18B in GDP, +1,600 companies and over 40,000 jobs, Utah's life sciences industry is one of the fastest growing in the nation.

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The Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024

Last month, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) and House Ways and Means Chairman Jason Smith (R-MO) announced an agreement on a long-awaited \$78 billion tax package that incorporates priorities from both parties in near equal measure. Specifically, The Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024 would provide immediate deductions for research and development expenditures, extend the 100 percent bonus depreciation benefit to qualified properties and equipment, and allow amortization when calculating business interest. These business breaks are paired with an expanded Child Tax Credit, a top priority of Congressional Democrats. While the House Ways and Means Committee approved the bill by a vote of 40-3, which subsequently passed the House on Jan. 31 by a vote of 357-70, the legislation faces an uncertain path through the Senate, where lawmakers have made it clear that an amendment process will need to be negotiated before being considered by the chamber. Presidential election politics also complicate passage, though the leading candidates have not yet made the issue a priority.

ICYMI: AdvaMed Calls for Greater Federal Prioritization of Medtech

In a recent [op-ed in RealClearHealth](#), AdvaMed President and CEO Scott Whitaker called on the Biden Administration to ensure the medtech industry is considered as it implements policies to strengthen domestic supply chains. AdvaMed made the following recommendations:

Immediate and long-term prioritization of medtech needs in programs such as the [CHIPS Incentives Program](#) for sufficient quantities of critical components – in

addition to semiconductor chips, circuit boards, monitors, resins, polymers, medical grade packaging, the helium in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machines, and the materials needed for sterilization -- among industries competing for supplies.

Support greater diversification of supply chains to reduce barriers to the flow of goods, with public-private partnerships to enhance resiliency and agility and reduce over-reliance for any aspect of manufacturing or supply. The new U.S. Department of Commerce [Supply Chain Center](#) and the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity, including the United States and 13 regional partner nations, are among key initiatives for this work.

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Cook Catch Up Series [RSVP](#)

Join Charlie Cook as he provides his recap of the week, shares his latest outlook on the political landscape, and answers your questions.

Hotline Power Hour Series [RSVP](#)

Join the Hotline team as they discuss the outcomes of primaries, what that could mean for November, and the potential make-up of the 118th Congress.

Welcome to our new Edwards PAC Members!

New Members who have joined since December 2023

David Maillott - Director, Engineering
Melinda Piscioneri - Manager, Clinical Affairs
Luis Vera - Senior Analyst, Data Analytics
Bradley Frank - Senior Engineer, Supplier Quality
Camille Richards - Senior Specialist, Clinical Research Monitoring
Brent Doehring - Senior Specialist, Sales (THV)

PAC Puzzler: Trivia

December 2023 Trivia Question:

The United States Secretary of Education is sixteenth in the line of succession to the presidency, just behind the secretary of what department that was created in 1977?

ANSWER: The Department of Energy

New Trivia Question:

What president lived the longest?

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