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Bipartisan Teams Townhall with Reps. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA) and Blake Moore (R-UT)



On Wednesday, April 17, we hosted Representatives Jimmy Panetta and Blake Moore over a Teams Town Hall!

Congressman Jimmy Panetta, representing California's 20th Congressional District, has been a notable figure in American politics, known for his dedication to public service and advocacy for various social and economic issues. As the son of former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, Jimmy Panetta has demonstrated a commitment to upholding democratic values and serving the needs of his constituents.

Congressman Blake Moore, representing Utah's 1st Congressional District, brings a unique perspective to the political arena with his background in national security and defense. As a former Foreign Service Officer and intelligence analyst, Moore offers valuable insights into the complexities of global affairs and the importance of diplomacy in addressing international conflicts.

As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Congressman Panetta plays a crucial role in shaping health care policy at the federal level. The committee has jurisdiction over a wide range of health care-related issues, including Medicare, Medicaid, and the implementation of health care reform legislation. Panetta has used his position to advocate for policies that promote preventive care, invest in community health centers, and address health disparities among underserved populations.

Also a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Congressman Blake Moore, representing Utah's 1st Congressional District, approaches health care from a perspective that emphasizes fiscal responsibility and market-based solutions. While Moore acknowledges the need for affordable and accessible health care, he believes that empowering individuals and promoting competition within the health care marketplace are essential for driving down costs and improving quality.

While Congressman Panetta and Congressman Moore may have different approaches to health care policy, both share a commitment to improving the health and well-being of all Americans. Through their work on the Ways and Means Committee and in Congress as a whole, they seek to find common ground and enact meaningful reforms that benefit individuals, families, and communities across the country.

Honoring Rep. Jay Obernolte as a Driving Innovation Champion



On May 7th, Leah Kegler, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, presented Congressman Obernolte (R-CA) with the California Life Sciences (CLS) 2024 Driving Innovation Champion Award. Congressman Obernolte has been a tremendous advocate for innovation across numerous sectors, including the life sciences. In his recently appointed role as Chair of the House Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) Task Force, the Congressman is playing a pivotal role in the future regulation of artificial intelligence in health care. The Congressman's thoughtful approach to A.I. as it continues to proliferate will be critical as we continue to innovate new treatments and cures. However, A.I. is not the only area that Congressman Obernolte has been helping to drive innovation through policy. The Congressman has also supported policies that would speed the time to coverage and reimbursement of breakthrough medical technologies, allowing patients to access these innovations that will improve patient care. The award was part

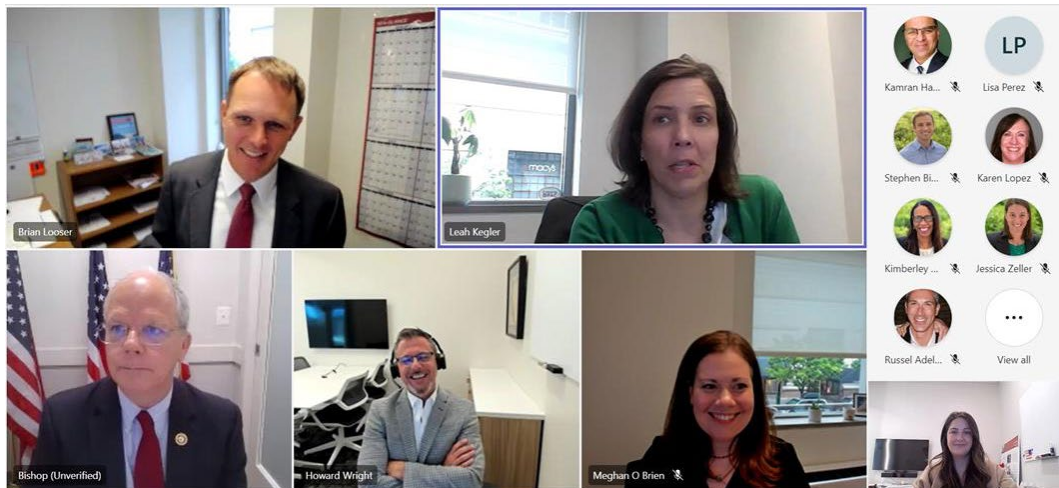
of the CLS May Board meeting, which is held annually in DC.

April 29 Edwards PAC Lunch



Thanks to everyone who attended the Annual Edwards PAC thank you lunch! The 100+ attendees heard from Christine McCauley on the value of the work done through the PAC on policies impacting patients and innovation. The government affairs teams also shared updates on what is happening in DC and Sacramento.

Teams Townhall with Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY)



This month, we hosted Congressman Brett Guthrie at a Teams Townhall. Congressman Guthrie represents Kentucky's Second Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Second District is the home of the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, Mammoth Cave National Park, and Fort Knox.

Guthrie was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2008 and currently serves as the Chair of the Health Subcommittee on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. As some will recall, this is the Committee where Chief Scientific Officer Todd Brinton testified last July about Edwards support for finalizing CMS's proposed guidance on Transitional Coverage for Emerging Technologies and the importance of timely Medicare coverage for breakthrough medical technologies.



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For any questions, please contact Heather Villarreal at heather_villarreal@edward.com.

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Policy Corner: The American Privacy Rights Act

On April 7, Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Chairwoman of the Senate Commerce Committee, and Representative Cathy McMorris-Rodgers (R-WA), Chairwoman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee introduced the American Privacy Rights Act, which would create a national data security standard and establish consumer data privacy rights regarding how personal information is collected, stored, and used. The legislation would establish enforcement authority under the Federal Trade Commission and state attorneys general, as well as a private right of action for individuals.

The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce held a hearing on the bill in April, however, its chances of enactment this Congress are unclear given the shortened legislative calendar in a presidential election year. In response to the hearing, AdvaMed submitted a statement for the record highlighting the importance of data for clinical research purposes, stressing the need to balance assurances of personal privacy while avoiding overly burdensome requirements that would negatively impact patients.

National Journal Content Available to Edwards PAC Members



If you truly are a political junkie or want to learn more about politics, the GA Team has expanded the Edwards Lifesciences National Journal subscription to allow access to certain events to Edwards PAC members.

National Journal's events showcase research, insights, policy coverage and journalism through webinars. Reach out to [Christie Ankrum](#) at the National Journal to sign up.

[Cook Catch Up](#)

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](#)

Step into the Hotline newsroom as the team discusses the latest from the campaign trail and analyzes races up and down the ballot.

PAC Puzzler!

Trivia Question:

With a difference of only 113,000 votes, between which two candidates is the closest

presidential election in history?

Whoever e-mails Edwards_PAC@edwards.com with the correct answer first will win a Yeti Mug.

Happy Summer!



Summer Vacation Photo Contest!

Capture the essence of summer bliss in our photo contest! Whether its sandy toes and salty air, epic adventures, or tranquil moments in the mountains, share your snapshots of summer joy for a chance to win a Yeti cooler bag! Email molly_allen@edwards.com with your submission (and permission to share in our next newsletter).

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