NORTH CAROLINA JOINT LEGISLATIVE LIFE SCIENCES CAUCUS

North Carolina's Innovation Ecosystem
May 1, 2024, 7:30am
DPI and Commerce Building
301 North Wilmington Street
Room 150
Enter via Halifax Mall

Dear Colleague,

Co-Chairs Senator Paul Newton, Senator Mike Woodard, Representative Donna White and Representative Robert Reives invite you to join the **North Carolina Life Sciences Caucus** for a **breakfast meeting** Wednesday morning, **May 1**, at **7:30 a.m. across Halifax Mall in the DPI and Commerce Building, Room 150**.

North Carolina's life sciences ecosystem has been growing rapidly with announcements about manufacturing facilities coming here or expanding current footprints. The job growth is tremendous. However, equally important is the innovation that brings the next breakthrough! We will discuss and put into context the innovation ecosystem in NC and where opportunities exist. We will also have a brief presentation from BIO's policy advisor on state economic development who will give an overview of activity in other states.

Meeting Details

Date: Wednesday, May 1 Time: 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Place: New Education Building Room 150 (301 N Wilmington St) – enter via Halifax Mall side

Enjoy coffee and a continental breakfast

Presenters

- Senator Paul Newton
- Senator Mike Woodard
- Representative Donna White
- Representative Robert Reives
- Laura Gunter, President, NC Life Sciences Organization (formerly NCBIO)
- Peter Pellerito, Senior Policy Advisor Federal/State Economic Development & Technology Transfer Lead, Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)

Please RSVP with your plan to attend the caucus meeting by responding to this message or sending a separate email to Laura Gunter, President, NCLifeSci, <u>LauraGunter@NCLifeSci.org</u> or Joe Lanier, NCLifeSci lobbyist, at <u>joe@milestonestrategiesnc.com</u>. Please RSVP by COB, Monday, April 29.