

## **Joint Legislative Life Science Caucus**

### **Mission Statement:**

The House and Senate shall establish a Joint Legislative Life Science Caucus to meet regularly to discuss State policy and invite local and national speakers from industry, patient advocacy groups and academic research institutions to share views and discuss policies that lead to further economic growth, job creation and medical innovation in North Carolina. The Caucus will act as a legislative think tank to develop legislative knowledge of life science issues and recommend new opportunities related to life science in the State.

### **Focus:**

Pharmaceutical, biotechnology, biologic, medical device, diagnostic, academic, and digital health

### **Objectives:**

Develop legislative knowledge of various life science industries in North Carolina in a balanced and factual manner and the impact, including the significant economic value, of medical innovation in the State.

Review State level policy affecting life science industries and address its impact on those industries in North Carolina, so the State remains a leader in this high-growth sector.

Work with all sector stakeholders including industry, government, academia, and patient advocates across the State to provide recommendations for the creation of a legislative agenda focused on relevant issues. Many issues affecting the life science community are complex, including tax incentives, funding and access to capital, regulatory reform, public-private partnerships, workforce development, incubators, and facilities as well as other topics that business and academia consider necessary in order for them to grow and sustain life sciences in North Carolina.

Open a vibrant dialogue among policymakers, the industries, academia, patient groups, and the general public.

Attract more companies to the State by providing a central place for businesses to learn about life science industries and resources in North Carolina.

Contribute to a business and regulatory climate in North Carolina that will support and enhance the State's stake in life science.

### **Chairs:**

Rep. Susan Martin (R), Chair

Rep. Edward Hanes, Jr. (D), Chair

Sen. Tamara Barringer (R), Chair

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