

NORTH CAROLINA JOINT LEGISLATIVE LIFE SCIENCES CAUCUS

Discussion of the Omnibus Life Sciences Appropriations bill

May 19, 2026, 7:30 AM

Room 150 in the NC DPI/Commerce Building

(The front entrance of the building is currently closed for renovations; visitors will have to enter the building through the Halifax Mall entrance on the back side of the building.)

Dear,

Co-Chairs Senator Benton Sawrey, Senator Jay Chaudhuri, Representative Donna White and Representative Robert Reives invite you to join the **NCGA Life Sciences Caucus** for a **breakfast meeting on Tuesday morning, May 19, at 7:30 a.m. in Room 150 of the NC DPI/Commerce building.**

The Life Sciences Caucus chairs have introduced matching bills in the Senate and the House entitled, the Omnibus Life Sciences Appropriations bill (H1078 and S956). There are five parts to the bill and this meeting will discuss each part and how they tie into supporting the economic engine of the life sciences industry in North Carolina.

Presenters:

Chairs: Sen Benton Sawrey, Sen Jay Chaudhuri, Rep Donna White, and Rep Robert Reives
John Hardin, PhD, Executive Director, Office of Science, Technology and Innovation, NC Dept of Commerce
Sara Imhof, PhD, [Vice President, Focused Initiatives](#), NCBiotech
Sharon King, Chief Operating Officer, National MPS Society (invited)
Senator Benton Sawrey
Laura Gunter, President, NC Life Sciences Organization
Joe Lanier, Principal, Milestone Strategies and NCLifeSci lobbyist

Meeting Details

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Time: 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Place: Room 150, NC DPI/Commerce bldg. (Please enter through the Halifax Mall entrance directly across from the LOB)

Enjoy coffee and pastries

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, at LauraGunter@NCLifeSci.org or Joe Lanier, NCLifeSci lobbyist, at joe@milestonestrategiesnc.com. **Please RSVP by 5pm, Monday, May 18.**
