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POLICY CONFERENCE  
AUG. 24-25, 2017 | PORTLAND, ME

*The Westin Portland Harborview  
157 High Street*



# AGENDA

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All meeting events will take place at The Westin Portland Harborview unless otherwise noted.

## THURSDAY August 24

- 2-5 p.m.      **Registration** | Eastland Ballroom Foyer  
Attendees should wear their name tags at all times to gain admittance to meeting events. Guests may attend evening receptions and social events.
- 3-3:45 p.m.      **Political Strategy Briefing** | Eastland Grand Ballroom  
Open to legislators only
- 3:45-4:30 p.m.      **Policy Sessions** | Eastland Grand Ballroom  
  
Issue Briefing: "Nicotine Without Smoke: How to Reduce the Harm of Smoking"  
Speakers:      **Amy Faith Ho, MD**  
                     **Saul Shiffman, PhD**
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- 4:30-5:15 p.m.      **Pre-Reception Meet and Greet** | Eastland Ballroom Foyer
- 5:15 p.m.      **Bus Departure** | Front Entrance
- 5:30-8:30 p.m.      **Bowling and Dinner** | Bayside Bowl  
58 Alder Street, Portland, Maine  
  
Speaker:      Former U.S. Senator **Mark Begich**, Alaska
- 9 p.m.      **Late Night** | Top of the East  
Optional, cash bar



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## FRIDAY August 25

- 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. **Registration** | Eastland Ballroom Foyer  
Attendees should wear their name tags at all times to gain admittance to meeting events. Guests may attend evening receptions and social events.
- 8 a.m. **Breakfast** | Eastland Grand Ballroom
- 9:30-11:30 a.m. **Policy Sessions** | Eastland Grand Ballroom
- Policy Panel: "The American Shale Revolution"  
Moderator: House Democratic Leader **David Baria**, Mississippi  
Speakers: House Democratic Leader **Frank Dermody**, Pennsylvania  
**Bernie Evers**, Iron Workers International  
**Jared Hawes**, American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers
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- Issue Briefing: "Reinforcing Our Infrastructure"  
Speaker: **Chris Sloan**, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades
- Issue Briefing: "The Continued Attack on Public Sector Unions: Janus v. AFSCME"  
Speaker: **Brian McDonnell**, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
- 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. **DLCC Political Update** | Eastland Grand Ballroom  
Speaker: **Jessica Post**, DLCC Executive Director
- 12-1:30 p.m. **Lunch and Keynote Address** | Eastland Grand Ballroom  
Speaker: U.S. Senator **Jeanne Shaheen**, New Hampshire\*
- 1:30-3 p.m. **One-on-One Meetings** | Winslow Homer Ballroom  
Open to legislators and Majority Council+
- 3-4:30 p.m. **Happy Hour** | Eastland Ballroom Foyer  
Optional

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# LEGISLATIVE ATTENDEES

## **Alabama**

Assistant House Democratic Leader Merika Coleman

## **Alaska**

Senate Democratic Leader Berta Gardner

## **Florida**

House Democratic Leader Janet Cruz\*  
Senator Bobby Powell

## **Georgia**

House Democratic Chief Deputy Whip Gloria Frazier  
House Democratic Whip Carolyn Hugley

## **Iowa**

House Democratic Leader Mark Smith

## **Maine**

Senator Shenna Bellows  
Senator Cathy Breen  
Senator Ben Chipman  
Representative Jennifer DeChant  
Senator Mark Dion  
Representative Aaron Frey  
Representative Drew Gattine  
Speaker of the House Sara Gideon\*  
Assistant House Majority Leader Jared Golden  
House Majority Leader Erin Herbig  
Senate Democratic Leader Troy Jackson  
Senate Democratic Whip Nate Libby  
Representative Roland "Danny" Martin  
Representative Anne-Marie Mastraccio  
Senator Rebecca Millett

## **Maryland**

Delegate Samuel "Sandy" Rosenberg

## **Massachusetts**

Senator Eileen Donoghue  
Senate President Stan Rosenberg

## **Michigan**

Senate Democratic Leader Jim Ananich\*  
Senator Ian Conyers

## **Minnesota**

House Democratic Leader Melissa Hortman

## **Mississippi**

House Democratic Leader David Baria

## **Nebraska**

Senator Adam Morfeld

## **New Hampshire**

House Democratic Leader Steve Shurtleff  
Deputy Senate Democratic Leader Donna Soucy  
Assistant House Democratic Leader Mary Jane Wallner  
Senate Democratic Leader Jeff Woodburn

## **New Mexico**

Representative Patricia Lundstrom

## **New York**

Deputy Senate Democratic Conference Leader Michael Gianaris  
Senate Democratic Conference Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins\*

## **Pennsylvania**

House Democratic Leader Frank Dermody

## **Vermont**

Speaker of the House Mitzi Johnson  
House Majority Leader Jill Krowinski  
Senator Chris Pearson

## **Virginia**

Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn  
House Democratic Caucus Chair Charniele Herring

\*Member of the DLCC Board of Directors



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# FINANCE COUNCIL ATTENDEES

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**3M Company** David Wefring

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**AFSCME** Brian McDonnell

**Alliance for American Manufacturing** Brian Lombardozzi

**Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers** Wayne Weikel

**Altria Client Services LLC** Molly Slingerland

**American Academy of Dermatology Association** Victoria Pasko

**American Forest & Paper Association** Abigail Szten

**American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers** Jared Hawes

**Americans for Responsible Solutions** Nicola Bocour

**America's Health Insurance Plans** Devin Boerm

**Anthem** Kristine Ossenfort

**Association for Accessible Medicines** Brynna Clark

**AstraZeneca** Geoffrey Gallo

**Asurion** Osborne Crosby

**Avalanche Advisors** Greg Curtis

## b

**Biogen** Elizabeth Pujolas

## c

**Charter Communications** Adam Falk, Melinda Poore

**Coca-Cola Company, The** Gary McElyea

**Comcast** Chris Hodgdon, Rob Omberg

**Consumer Healthcare Products Association** Carlos Gutierrez

**CoreCivic** Dan Kaman

**CTIA** Gerry Keegan

## d

**DaVita** John Leyman

**Democrats for Education Reform** Harrison Farnsworth

## e

**eBay/StubHub** Laura Dooley

**Edison Electric Institute** Taylor Beis

**Eli Lilly** Tim Lyden

**EMILY's List** Anna Lidman

**Entertainment Software Association** Kathryn Gunter

## g

**Gill Action** Shawn Werner

## h

**Hewlett Packard Enterprise** Jason Newman

## i

**International Association of Fire Fighters** Dave Lang

**International Brotherhood of Teamsters** Tyler Longpine

**International Council of Shopping Centers** Herb Tyson

**International Union of Painters and Allied Trades** Chris Sloan

**Internet Association** Dustin Brighton

**Intuit** Eileen Filler-Corn

**Iron Workers International** Bernie Evers, Dave Kolbe



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**John Peter Smith Hospital** Amy Ho

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**Lyft** Rena Davis

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**McDonald's** Rachel Kaprielian  
**Merck & Co.** Tami Brown  
**Molina Healthcare** David Pingree  
**Monsanto Company** Leslea Snyder  
**Motion Picture Association of America**  
Elizabeth Mottur

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**National Association of Home Builders**  
Karl Eckhart, Jennifer Ustynoski  
**National Beer Wholesalers Association**  
David Christman  
**Novartis** Ashley Calabrese  
**Novo Nordisk** Kate Barry  
**Nuclear Energy Institute** Christine Csizmadia

## p

**PayPal** Devin Whitney  
**PCMA** April Alexander  
**PinneyAssociates** Saul Shiffman

## r

**Reynolds American** Cassie Folk, Kate Knox,  
Jennifer Mann, Jacob McConnico

## s

**Sanofi** Jack Quinn  
**Stateside Associates** Johnathan Lozier  
**Sunovion Pharmaceuticals** Nancy McKee

## t

**TIAA** Martha Wood  
**T-Mobile** Dan Leary  
**Toy Association, The** Mindy Baker  
**TracFone Wireless** Leighton Lang  
**Turo** Michelle Peacock

## u

**University of Phoenix** Joe Gregorich

## v

**Vertex Pharmaceuticals** Abby Parta, Pooja Shah

## w

**WellCare Health Plans** Paul Frank, Audrey  
Haynes  
**Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** Kelly Rodgers

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**Ygrene Energy Fund** Ben Taube



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## Mark Begich

Mark Begich is the President and CEO of Northern Compass Group, LLC. A businessman since age 14 and a public servant with decades of experience, Begich has built an impressive record of accomplishments on some of the most complicated but important issues such as fisheries, resource development, arctic policy, education, veterans, commerce, housing and more.

During his tenure as U.S. Senator for Alaska, Mark Begich earned the reputation of a hard-working, pragmatic problem-solver who was willing to work across party lines to get things done. Defying party labels and utilizing his business background, Begich broke down bureaucratic barriers and was an effective advocate for Native American interests in Congress.

Quickly rising to leadership positions, Begich was Chairman of both the Steering and Outreach Committee and the Oceans Subcommittee. He also served on influential committees including Appropriations, Commerce, Veterans, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Armed Services, and Indian Affairs.

Begich is married to Anchorage businesswoman Deborah Bonito, and they have one son, Jacob. He served previously on the Anchorage Assembly and as mayor of Anchorage, Alaska. Begich currently serves as a public member on the board of directors of the American Institute of CPAs. Mark Begich serves as Vice Chair of the National Advisory Committee on Travel and Tourism Infrastructure (NACTTI). The group advises the Department of Transportation and the Secretary of Transportation on current and emerging transportation priorities.

In his spare time, Begich is active in politics and works to support candidates and incumbents at all levels of government who work across the aisle to get results for the people they represent. Born and raised Alaskan, he cares deeply about bringing the voice of rural America to the forefront of conversations about our country's future.



## Jeanne Shaheen

U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen\* is the first woman in American history to be elected Governor and U.S. Senator, with a record of breaking partisan gridlock to make a difference for the people of New Hampshire

The Keene Sentinel says, "Shaheen has provided strong leadership in Congress," with a "common sense voice." The Concord Monitor calls Shaheen "a serious minded and well-informed" Senator who "looks out for her constituents."

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Jeanne's dad was a shoe factory manager and her mom was a church secretary, instilling in her the values of hard work, responsibility and service. Jeanne's been deeply involved in New Hampshire – as a parent, and a high school teacher, in local government and a leader in state government, serving three terms in the New Hampshire state Senate before being elected Governor. Once a small business owner, Jeanne remembers her dad always told her "the best thing you can do for someone is get them a good job," and that wisdom has guided her work in public office.

As Governor, Jeanne's focus on the economy helped New Hampshire businesses create nearly 67,000 new jobs. As the lead Democrat on the U.S. Senate Small Business Committee, she helped craft the Small Businesses Jobs Act, which provided small businesses with tax breaks and access to the credit they need to grow and create jobs. Jeanne has fought to increase export assistance to New Hampshire small businesses so they can sell their goods and services around the world.

Fiscal responsibility is a hallmark of Jeanne Shaheen's leadership. New Hampshire's Rainy Day Fund nearly tripled when she was Governor. In Washington, she's partnered with several Republican Senators to cut wasteful spending, targeting taxpayer-funded portraits of politicians, duplicative inspection programs, and wasteful sugar and crop insurance subsidies for big corporate agri-businesses.

As Governor, Jeanne brought Republicans and Democrats together to pass the Clean Power Act, first in the nation legislation that reduced power plant emissions. Her energy efficiency programs saved New Hampshire families and businesses hundreds of millions of dollars. In the U.S. Senate, Jeanne is leading the fight, with bipartisan support, for a comprehensive national energy strategy to meet our growing energy needs, increase energy efficiency and lower costs, and confront the global threat of climate change. Jeanne has been a vocal opponent of the Trump Administration's withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accords.

Jeanne is a fierce advocate for women's rights, including the rights of women in the military. The Shaheen Amendment, now law, provides abortion coverage to servicewomen who were victims of rape. Jeanne was also key to the re-authorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and an outspoken leader in the fight to stop sexual assault in the military. She is a strong supporter of equal pay for equal work, voting for the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and cosponsoring the Paycheck Fairness Act. Jeanne introduced and passed the Sexual Assault Survivors' Rights Act that gives new legal rights to rape survivors and she has introduced legislation to make it illegal for victims of domestic violence to be evicted from public housing for the crimes of their abusers. In addition, Jeanne introduced the first legislation in Congress to put a woman on U.S. currency and the U.S. Treasury is now implementing a plan to put Harriet Tubman on the \$10 bill.

Jeanne understands the importance of education. As Governor, she helped make college more affordable through a tax-free college tuition savings plan, made kindergarten a reality for tens of thousands of additional children. In the Senate, she continues working to reduce college loan interest rates, to strengthen job training and Science Technology Engineering and Math education so New Hampshire workers have the skills they need for jobs in emerging industries.

Jeanne believes everyone deserves access to affordable, quality health care. She opposes repeal of the Affordable Care Act because she believes we cannot go back to the old broken health care system, but she is working to improve the ACA. Jeanne has written legislation to help stabilize the health insurance

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marketplace and has cosponsored bipartisan bills to require the government to negotiate for lower drug prices for Medicare and to prevent pharmaceutical companies from keeping cheaper generic drugs off the market.

In addition, Jeanne knows that the ACA is crucial to addressing the Opioid crisis that is devastating communities in NH and across the country. She is recognized as a leading voice in Congress on combating opioid misuse and sponsored the first major legislation to bring needed resources to states for prevention and treatment. In addition, Jeanne also introduced The Student and Student Athlete Opioid Misuse Prevention Act to help better inform students, parents and teachers about the early warning signs of addiction.

Jeanne is a strong advocate for civil rights, leading in the Senate to end discrimination against LGBT Americans. For example, Jeanne introduced the Charlie Morgan Military Spouses Equal Treatment Act to make additional benefits available to military spouses and families, regardless of sexual orientation, including health care and certain survivor benefits. She also introduced legislation with Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) to prohibit LGBT discrimination in the jury selection process. And, Jeanne is committed to fighting the unconstitutional and discriminatory Trump Administration proposal to ban transgender individuals from serving in the Armed Forces.

As a member of the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees, Jeanne has fought to protect the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, modernize operations at the Pease Air National Guard base, and to strengthen support services for New Hampshire National Guard members returning from deployment and their families.

Jeanne has been a leading voice in the Senate for holding Russia accountable for interfering in the 2016 elections and was instrumental in helping to pass economic sanctions. She has also sponsored legislation to require that Russia Today TV, the Kremlin's propaganda outlet in the U.S., be required to register as a foreign agent and disclose its ties to the Putin regime.

Jeanne is a tireless fighter for New Hampshire. She secured the funding to open the Berlin prison, creating jobs and opportunity for the North Country and obtained the funds for the new Memorial Bridge in Portsmouth. Jeanne stood up to the Obama Administration when it requested another round of base closures that would put the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and the jobs it supports at major risk. And, Jeanne fought against Democratic leadership in Congress on a measure that would force New Hampshire small businesses to collect other states' sales taxes.

Jeanne is firmly rooted in New Hampshire. She and her husband of more than 40 years, Bill, live in Madbury. They have three daughters, Stefany, Stacey, and Molly, who attended local public schools, and seven grandchildren who Jeanne and Bill are thrilled live close by.

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## Bernie Evers

Bernard ("Bernie") A. Evers, Jr. has been a dedicated and loyal iron worker, in the field and as an officer for the last thirty-five years. A Boston native, Bernie has served Iron Workers Local 7 as Vice President, President and Business Agent/Organizer. Throughout his career, Bernie has been a tireless advocate for workers not only in the Iron Workers union, but in the open shops as well.

Bernie became a General Organizer with the Iron Workers International in 2000 and later that year was appointed the Executive Director of Organizing. As an organizer, he developed programs to address issues facing the construction industry and expanding markets to signatory contractors.

Acknowledged by the Building and Construction Trades Department, which awarded Bernie its "Hats Off Award" for the development of new innovative approaches to meet the industry needs in 2005 and the Building and Wood Workers International, a global union headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland that represents more than 12 million workers, who elected him as Vice President for North America in 2005 and he served in that capacity until 2009.

In July 2012, Bernie was appointed as the Chief of Staff/Executive Assistant to the General President. In September 2013, Evers was appointed General Vice President of the International Association of Iron Workers and served as a member of the Executive Council. In July 2015, he was appointed and recently elected, General Treasurer, a position he currently holds.

Bernie is also a proud graduate of the Harvard University Trade Union Program which he completed in January 2014. In June 2017, Bernie completed the National Labor Leadership Initiative. This program is a collaboration between the AFL-CIO and The Worker Institute at Cornell University.

Bernie continues to be a forceful and dynamic advocate for workers in steel construction and manufacturing.



## Jared Hawes

Jared Hawes currently serves as Director of State and Local Outreach at the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers. In his capacity at AFPM, Mr. Hawes is charged with educating consumers, key stakeholders, and elected federal, state, and local officials, on how AFPM's refining and petrochemical members make modern day life possible. He helps increase the visibility of AFPM outside the Beltway and communicate the implications of national policy at the local level.

Prior to joining AFPM, Hawes' worked on Capitol Hill for Congressional districts that had vast natural gas and oil resources from shale formations. He served as Senior Policy Advisor for Congressman Marc Veasey (D-TX) where he handled energy, healthcare, financial services, and other issues, while also acting as the Congressman's advisor for the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee. He began his career on the hill as a Legislative Assistant to Congressman Mark Critz (D-PA).



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A New Jersey native, Hawes received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. He later received his Master of Science in Public Policy and Management from the Heinz College at Carnegie Mellon University. He now resides in the Petworth neighborhood of Washington, D.C.



## Amy Ho

Amy is the associate medical director and clinical faculty of emergency medicine at John Peter Smith Hospital (Fort Worth, TX) and an administrative fellow at Integrated Emergency Services (Dallas, TX). She is the primary author on the Tobacco Harm Reduction Resolution (403) at the American Medical Association, where she served as a resident delegate and former vice chair of the RFS legislative affairs committee and former AMPAC Board member. The resolution was unfortunately referred for further study in June of 2017, where it is still pending final approval.

She has spoken on harm reduction, addiction medicine and the challenges of treating addiction in the healthcare system publicly. Her features range from articles in the Chicago Tribune to academic research presentations on pediatric nicotine toxicity to lectures for continuing education at rehabilitation centers. She graduated residency from University of Chicago and medical school from University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.



## Brian McDonnell

Brian McDonnell is the Political and Legislative Director for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) in New York State. AFSCME is the largest public services union in New York, representing over 400,000 members across the state who work in the public, private and non-profit sectors. In his capacity as the International Union's Political Director in New York, Brian lobbies the New York Legislature and helps coordinate the political activities of the six affiliates of AFSCME in the state - CSEA/AFSCME Local 1000, District Council 37, District Council 1707, Council 66, Council 82 and Council 35.

McDonnell has been with AFSCME since 1995. He has worked on numerous election and legislative advocacy campaigns and served on former New York Governor Eliot Spitzer's Transition team. Since 2003, he has served as the Chair of the Board of Directors of New Yorkers for Fiscal Fairness (NYFF), an advocacy organization that fights for tax fairness and budget choices that protect New York's working families.

Before coming to New York, he served as the International Union's Political and Legislative Director in New Jersey. He began his career with AFSCME as a Union Organizer and Staff Representative with the union in Maryland. He worked previously for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) at their national offices in Washington DC, and on the campaign staff of former Maryland Governor Parris Glendening.

McDonnell has a BA in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts and a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the University of Maryland.



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## *Saul Shiffman*

At PinneyAssociates, Saul leads efforts on Rx-to-OTC switch strategy, development and testing of consumer communication including product labels, design and analysis of clinical and consumer research (including label comprehension, self-selection, and actual use studies), behavioral surveillance and risk management, and behavior-change program development and evaluation. He also counsels clients on the scientific and policy environment for OTC products, including directing strategic efforts to build and explain the benefit/risk profile of OTC products.

Since 1991, he has been a professor in the departments of psychology and pharmaceutical science at the University of Pittsburgh, positions he retains while working with PinneyAssociates. Saul has taught in the departments of psychology and psychiatry and behavioral medicine at various universities, including the University of South Florida, the University of Washington, and the University of Pittsburgh.



## *Chris Sloan*

Chris Sloan serves as the director of government affairs for the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), where he is responsible for the strategic development and management of the IUPAT's government affairs program and for advising the union's board on matters relating to legislation and public policy issues of interest to the IUPAT across North America.

Chris is a native of Washington, D.C., and he graduated from Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, and received his Masters from George Washington University's Graduates School of Political Management.

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