CED Spring Policy Conference

April 19-20, 2017 The Willard InterContinental, Washington D.C.



Day 1: Wednesday, April 19th

Registration Opens – 10:30 am (Peacock Alley)

Politics of a New Administration & Congress – 11:00 am

Both Congress and the Executive Branch will be controlled by a single party for the first time since 2010. A bipartisan panel will discuss how the new Administration and Congress tackle major issues facing our nation, and the prospects for bipartisan cooperation in our nation's interest following the recent divisive election.

Program Speakers:

• Michelle Cottle, Contributing Editor, *The Atlantic* (Moderator)

First 100 Days: Taking Stock – 12:00 pm

On the campaign trail in 2016, President-elect Trump and Congressional candidates vowed rapid change and commonsense policy proposals that could be immediately implemented during the first 100 days. As we approach this all-important benchmark, which promises have been kept, which have been broken, and which are "in progress"?

Program Speakers:

■ Peter Goettler, President & CEO, Cato Institute

Taxation: What Reform is Coming? – 1:45 pm

If Americans vote with their pocketbooks, then no issue looms larger than taxation. Tax cuts, especially at the corporate level, are seen by some as engines for job creation and economic growth. Others argue that the wealthiest among us need to pay more to reduce the budget deficit. What plans are on the table and how will they affect individuals, households, businesses, and the economy as a whole?

Program Speakers:

Jeanne Sahadi, Senior Writer, CNN Money (Moderator)

Health Care Reform: Where Should We Be Headed? – 2:25 pm

Following years of promises to "repeal and replace," a changed health care system looks to be a real possibility now that Republicans control the White House and both chambers of Congress. But Democrats are unlikely to abandon President Obama's signature legislation without a fight. Hear what parts of the Affordable Care Act may remain, which are likely to change, and whether any of this can actually happen after years of argument and conflict.

Program Speakers:

 John Castellani, President & CEO, Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers Association

Infrastructure: Our Priorities and How to Pay for Them – 3:20 pm

A big boost in infrastructure investment has garnered support from both sides of the aisle. The American Society of Civil Engineers estimates that through the year 2025, the United States has funded only about 56 percent of its needed

infrastructure spending, a shortfall that not only weighs on jobs and GDP, but also could put American lives in danger. Will events such as the Flint water crisis serve as a wakeup call, and if so, how will Washington react?

Program Speakers:

- Alan Murray, Editor, Fortune Magazine (Moderator)
- Richard Geddes, Professor & Director of the Cornell Program in Infrastructure Policy, Cornell University
- Robert Puentes, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

Immigration: Beyond the Wall – 3:40 pm

Donald Trump's immigration solution of a wall on the Mexican border was debated rigorously during 2016. From who will pay for it to how it will get built, many voters saw this as a deciding issue when casting their ballots. Beyond the wall, however, many important questions remain, such as, how immigration can be reformed to maintain America's reputation as a melting pot, and better support our economy, while still assuring working-class citizens that their jobs are safe.

Program Speakers:

 Diane Lim, Principal Economist, The Conference Board (Moderator)

Congressional Keynote – 4:45 pm

Reception – 5:30 pm

Leadership in the Nation's Interest Award
pm

Dinner - 6:30

Honoree:

Barbara Barrett, Owner, Triple Creek Ranch

Day 2: Thursday, April 20th

Breakfast - 8:00 am

Opening Remarks - 8:45 am

State of Governance in the New Administration – 9:00 am

Update on Corporate Political Contributions – 10:15 am

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Role of the Board: Compliance vs. Strategy/Advisory – 11:00 am

Closing Remarks - 12:00 pm

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