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**TEXAS HEALTHCARE AND BIOSCIENCE INSTITUTE HOSTS ANNUAL POLICY SUMMIT  
AND AWARDS DINNER WITH IMPRESSIVE SPEAKER LINE UP**

**AUSTIN, TX** - October 7, 2022 - The Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute (THBI) will host its annual Fall Policy Summit and Luminary Awards Dinner Thursday, October 20 at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel in downtown Austin.

The Fall Policy Summit's impressive lineup of speakers will provide an update on recent advancements in research and development happening at prominent Texas universities, discuss the profound economic impacts of the life science and bioscience industries, and will hear updates from state legislators and executive branch leadership regarding the upcoming Texas Legislative Session.

After the summit, THBI will present Luminary Awards given to individuals who have had an impact on the life sciences community through policy, advocacy, and research to better the lives of patients. The 2022 Luminary Award recipients are Texas State Senator Carol Alvarado, Texas State Representative Giovanni Capriglione and Peter WT Pisters, M.D., MHCM, President of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. The keynote speaker for the Luminary Awards Dinner is Ross Ramsey, Co-founder and Former Executive Editor of The Texas Tribune.

THBI's flagship event brings together industry executives with state policy makers to highlight the intersections between world-class innovations being developed around the state and public policies to support the continued growth of those developments. The events are presented by Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

"We are honored to host some of Texas's most prominent life science researchers and professionals as well as state policy makers to talk about the impact and policy issues of the healthcare and the life science industry," said THBI President and CEO Victoria Ford.

The Summit will be a half-day conference with panel conversations on "Dynamic Academic Research in Texas" with leadership from The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Texas A&M and Texas State University; "Recent Advancements in Economic Development" with Chief Operating Officer of Fujifilm Diosynth Biotechnologies Texas and Tom Luce of Lyda Hill Philanthropies; and "Legislative Insights Ahead of the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session" with Texas Legislators. THBI President and CEO will close out the Summit

with a Fireside Chat with Luis Saenz, Governor Greg Abbott's Chief of Staff, and Enrique Marquez, Speaker of the House Dade Phelan's Chief of Staff.

In addition to Presenting Sponsor PhRMA, event sponsors include, Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO), Bristol Myers Squibb, Merck, Novartis, Genentech, Amgen, VWR, Otsuka and Horizon Therapeutics. View the full event agenda and register to attend at [thbi.com/2022policysummit](https://thbi.com/2022policysummit).

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### **About THBI**

The Texas Healthcare & Bioscience Institute (THBI) is the Texas policy voice for healthcare and bioscience and the only provider of statewide resources to its members and the industry. With a focus on using advocacy as a tool to create a more favorable environment for the life sciences, THBI works with government and industry leaders to attract new participants in the life sciences to Texas and to promote effective government legislation on behalf of the industry. The Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute is a nonprofit 501(c)(6) organization.

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