

IEEE Region 3 Government Activities Report to Region 3, April 2024

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2024 CVD 4.10.24 Training Presentation FINAL.pdf; 2024 CVD Read Ahead Information.pdf;

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The IEEE USA Congressional Visits Day was held recently in Washington. Training was held on April 10 and the visits to the "Hill" were on April 11. Representatives from all IEEE Regions 1-6 were assigned to meet with their Senators and Congressmen.

I met with the Staff of Senator Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott. The Staff of Congressman William Timmons. I also met with Congressman Joe Wilson. Given the tight schedules in Washington, you have at most 30 minutes to interact with whoever you have been assigned to meet. To maintain focus, we were given handouts of topics important to Engineering and IEEE USA. Topics included,

- Support for increased funding for critical federal science & technology in the President's FY25 Budget Request
- Support the bipartisan Create Act (S.714 / H.R. 5077)
- Support the bipartisan Keep STEM Talent Act (S. 2384 . H.R. 5477)

We gave handouts on all of these topics that greatly expanded the detail available from IEEE USA. Electronic versions of these handouts are also being mailed to the people that we met.

Next we continue the followup with our Washington Delegation. And we will be visiting the Field Offices of our Representatives.

Attached are the Notes from the Training Session and the Hill Handouts. I encourage all of you to read this material. And you are welcome to visit your Field Offices to help show that we represent thousands of IEEE Members.

Let's keep talking about Government Relations. Washington keeps changing. Much of it involves Engineering. I promise to keep you informed.

The 2024 IEEE USA CVD Team



Sincerely,

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