

IEEE Region 3 Government Activities Report, May 28, 2024

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 3 attachments (7 MB)

2024 CVD 4.10.24 Training Presentation FINAL.pdf; 2024 CVD Read Ahead Information.pdf; Letter from Linsey Graham.pdf;

Region 3,

This is an Update to the Report that was submitted for April. I am currently engaged in followup with the South Carolina Legislative Delegation / Staff that I met with back on April 11. This followup is important considering that most Sections in Region 3 did not send a Representative. The way that the Legislative System works is that IEEE Members from the rest of Region 3 need to contact their own Senators / Congress Members that they voted for.

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.

The attachments to this email contain the key issues that IEEE USA wants us to tell Washington are our concerns in Region 3. These issues are important both before the upcoming Election and afterwards.

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.2.714 / 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.

Please use the Attachments for your conversations. This will support consistency in our messaging. And you are welcome to visit your Field Offices to help show that we represent thousands of IEEE Members.

Section Action Item

All Region 3 Sections need to contact their Washington Representatives / Staff. I am available to help find names and contact information. Please use the Attachments as your message. Remember all of our Senators / Representatives have Field Offices close to where you live. Please the Field Offices for Face to Face conversations. I can also set up a Region 3 Section Web Meeting to answer your questions.

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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