



Register today for 2017 Georgia Legislative Policy Forum

October 13 Event Focuses on Transforming Health Care, Education

ATLANTA, GEORGIA, UNITED STATES, September 27, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Register today for the 2017 Georgia Legislative Policy Forum on October 13, 7:30 AM-3 PM at the Renaissance Atlanta Waverly Hotel. This year's theme is "Wisdom, Justice, Transformation," a take on Georgia's motto, "Wisdom, Justice, Moderation," with a focus on transforming health care and education.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Tim Huelskamp, three-term Congressman and the new president of the renowned Heartland Institute, one of the world's leading free-market think tanks: "the pipeline between the freedom movement's leading writers and thinkers and the nation's 8,400 national and state elected officials."



Laura Trueman, Deputy Director at the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, opens the event with a presentation on "The Opioid Crisis: A National Perspective & Call for Engagement."



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The day's sessions focus on real-world successes in Georgia and across the nation in health care and education – successes that can be replicated by Georgia:

“Success Across the State: Examples of Health Care Transformation in Georgia,” highlights companies from

EmployersLikeMe.org, a vendor-free network of 125 Georgia employers aware that, “Employers pay for much of the current health system costs but often must depend on advice from others who have conflicting vested interests.”

Moderated by Don Betts of EmployersLikeMe, panelists Barbara Barrett of Langdale Industries (Valdosta) Lisa Evans of Southwire (Carrollton) and Kim Johns of Mohawk (Calhoun) will share how their businesses are national models for improving quality and lowering health care costs. The state provides health care for about one-quarter of Georgia's population; these experiences and lessons learned are invaluable as lawmakers explore cost-effective solutions without compromising quality.

For “Laboratories of Democracy: Health Care Transformation through Federal Waivers,” few match the knowledge of Rea Hederman, Executive Vice President of Ohio’s Buckeye Institute. A national expert on the federal waivers available to states under Medicaid, he has worked on Medicaid reforms with the White House, the Department of Health and Human Services and the State Policy Network. Before joining the Buckeye Institute, Hederman was Director of the Center for Data Analysis at The Heritage Foundation.

For “Education Transformation: Unleashing the Teacherpreneurs and Edupreneurs,” the panelists are from Georgia but their reputation is global. They will discuss how teachers and school leaders can prepare Georgia’s children for a world dominated by artificial intelligence, and how to create the policies and ecosystems necessary to provide quality education across Georgia.

The moderator is Michael Dudgeon, Chief Technology Officer of Hi-Rez Studios and former Vice Chair of the Georgia House Education Committee. Panelist Vicki Davis is a Camilla teacher and blogger named to the 2017 Edtech 20 (a ranking of the top 20 global edtech influencers) and Forbes’ list of Top Five Edupreneur Voices. Gordon Rogers is co-founder and president of Edevate, an Atlanta-based company that leverages the potential of MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) and combines them with educational credentials and vocational training.

Registration is \$125 for this event, which is open to the public and includes breakfast and lunch. Find out [more here](#); [register here](#) or send your check for \$125 to Georgia Public Policy Foundation (Forum), 3200 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Suite 214, Atlanta, GA 30339.

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