



March 26, 2018
Lanham, MD

Attendees included:

- Senator Chris Van Hollen
- Julie Garner, AstraZeneca
- George Hogan
Business Manager, Local 26
- Christopher Cash
Training Director, Local 26
- Ray Kasmark, IBEW International
- Tami Brown, Merck
- Tom Killeen, Business Manager

Labor and Industry Working Together for Maryland

On Monday, March 26, 2018 Maryland Senator Chris Van Hollen toured **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 26's** 30,000 square foot training facility in Lanham, Maryland.

The event was hosted by IBEW Local 26 and the **Pharmaceutical Industry Labor - Management Association (PILMA)**.

The event was attended by representatives from **AstraZeneca, Merck, Otsuka, MedChi, Maryland Pharmacists Association, Sheet Metal Workers Local 100, PhRMA**, members

of **We Work for Health Maryland** and **PILMA**.

The interactive tour, led by **Local 26 Training Director Christopher Cash**, allowed Senator Van Hollen to try his hand at bending conduit and speak with apprentices in the classroom about their experience at Local 26.

The day highlighted how the biopharmaceutical industry and labor work together in Maryland to build new facilities, stimulate job growth, encourage innovation, support the local economy and create life-saving cures.

"It's great to have AstraZeneca have such a big footprint in the state of Maryland - both in terms of the biosciences but also in terms of having people to develop and build manufacturing plants, and to do that you need people who are high quality craftsmen and women and that's the important connection."

-Senator Chris Van Hollen

Life Sciences and Building Trades Invest in Maryland

In 2015, the industry supported over **111,000** jobs directly and indirectly in Maryland, and the industry generated over **\$27.5 billion** in state economic output.

Training centers like IBEW Local 26 prepare skilled craftsmen and women to build efficient, state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities that help foster innovation in the industry.

To be the best trained, safest and

most productive workers, the building trades unions **invest over \$1 billion annually**, at no taxpayer expense, to teach the latest techniques and skills to their members. Apprentices earn while they learn and graduate debt free. All of this is done through private investment.

As a result, building trades workers are trained and ready to build the high-tech facilities the biopharmaceutical industry requires.



George Hogan (IBEW Local 26), Ray Kasmark (IBEW International), Christopher Cash (IBEW Local 26) and Maryland Senator Chris Van Hollen.