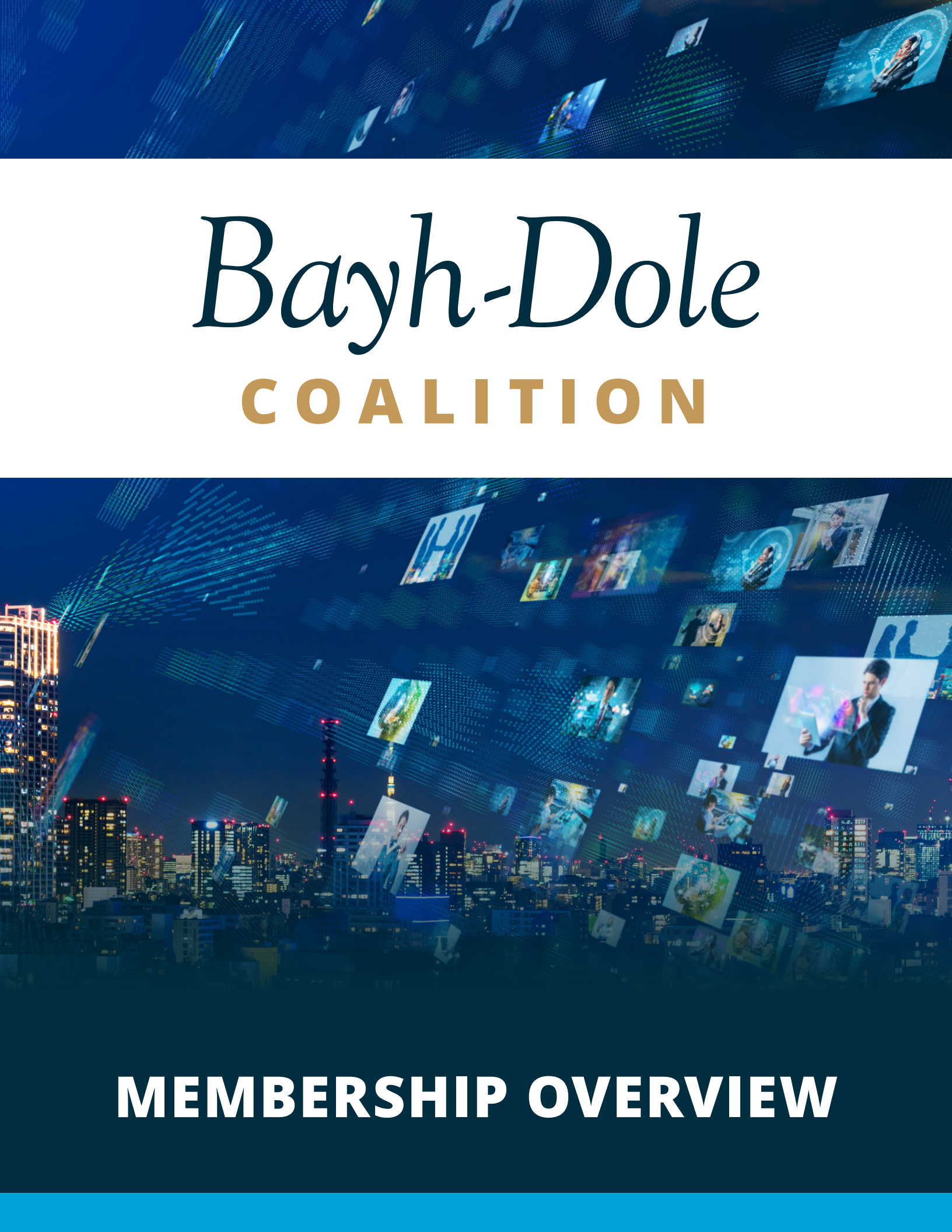




Bayh-Dole **COALITION**

MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

Welcome

The Bayh-Dole Coalition is a group of innovation-oriented organizations committed to celebrating, preserving, and protecting the Bayh-Dole Act of 1980, and informing legislators, policymakers, and the public at large of its many benefits.

As you're no doubt aware, the Bayh-Dole Act has played a critical role in advancing American innovation for more than 45 years. Once heralded by the Economist Technology Quarterly as "the most inspired piece of legislation to be enacted in America over the past half-century," the Act has bolstered U.S. economic output by up to \$1.9 trillion, supported 6.5 million jobs, and helped launch more than 19,000 companies. The Bayh-Dole Act powers research in labs across the nation and ensures that Americans can enjoy the fruits of taxpayer-supported scientific breakthroughs.

Unfortunately, the dynamic system of public-private collaboration facilitated by the Bayh-Dole Act is under attack — from federal research funding cuts and proposals to tax university licensing revenue, to misguided efforts to seize patents on the basis of price and to micromanage academic patent licensing under the guise of boosting domestic manufacturing.

To maintain America's scientific and entrepreneurial leadership, we must fend off the erosion of this landmark legislation.

With your support, the Bayh-Dole Coalition will continue to defend the Bayh-Dole Act and work to ensure our nation's future remains bright.

I hope you will join us. You can submit a membership application on our website at bayhdolecoalition.org/application-for-membership/.

Onwards and upwards,

Joseph P. Allen

Executive Director

About Us

The Bayh-Dole Coalition launched in early 2020 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the landmark law that enabled universities, small businesses, and research institutions to retain ownership of inventions that resulted from federal funding.

The Coalition has a simple mission: To celebrate, preserve, and protect the Bayh-Dole Act.

We boast over 350 individual and organization members spanning the innovation lifecycle, from prestigious research institutions and university tech transfer offices to venture capital advocates, small business groups, and economic development organizations. We identify opportunities to proactively engage with policymakers, stakeholders, and members of the media on issues that pertain to the landmark law.

To review a comprehensive list of the Coalition's organization and individual members, visit: bayhdolecoalition.org/members/.



Leadership

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Joseph P. Allen

Joe is the executive director of the Bayh-Dole Coalition. As a professional staffer on the Senate Judiciary Committee to Sen. Birch Bayh (D-IN), he played a key role in the successful passage of the Bayh-Dole Act of 1980 and its subsequent amendments.



He later served as the founding director of the Office of Technology Commercialization at the Department of Commerce, where he helped oversee the implementation of Bayh-Dole across federal agencies. He also chaired the Interagency Committee on Technology Transfer, where his work helped guarantee that discoveries made by visiting scientists in America's laboratories and universities would be owned by the U.S. host organizations. He served as president of the National Technology Transfer Center and vice president and general manager of the Intellectual Property Management Group at the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brian O'Shaughnessy, Board Chair

Brian is chair of the IP Transactions and Licensing Group at Dinsmore, one of the nation's largest law firms. A past president of the Licensing Executives Society of USA and Canada, he continues to serve LES as senior vice president for public policy. Brian earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from the Department of Chemistry, Rochester Institute of Technology, and a J.D. from Syracuse University, College of Law.



Chris Israel, Treasurer

Chris is the executive director of the Alliance of U.S. Startups and Inventors for Jobs, a coalition of inventors, startups, investors, incubators, and research institutions that works to safeguard America's innovation ecosystem. He is also a senior partner at ACG Advocacy, a bipartisan government affairs firm. Prior to joining ACG Advocacy, Chris served in the George W. Bush administration, where he worked as deputy chief of staff to the Secretary of Commerce and served as the nation's first International Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator. Chris received his B.A. from the University of Kansas and an M.B.A. from The George Washington University.



Karen Kerrigan, Secretary

Karen is president & CEO of the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council. In that role, she regularly testifies before Congress on the key issues impacting entrepreneurs and the economy, engages with the President's cabinet and key advisors, and has been appointed to numerous federal advisory boards. She also chairs the Small Business Roundtable and is a founding member of the World Entrepreneurship Forum. Karen earned a B.A. from SUNY Cortland and currently serves on the Cortland College Foundation Board.



Jon Soderstrom

Jon recently retired as Managing Director of the Yale Office of Cooperative Research. Under Jon's direction, since 2000 more than 75 startups with over \$2 billion in venture capital and another \$7 billion in public equity financing based on Yale intellectual property have taken root in New Haven. Previously, Dr. Soderstrom was the Director of Program Development for the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He is a past president of AUTM and has testified before Congress on tech transfer issues. Jon received his Ph.D. from Northwestern University and his B.A. from Hope College.



Impact

The Bayh-Dole Coalition is the go-to resource for policymakers, members of the media, and other interested parties looking for information about the Bayh-Dole Act.

The Coalition's webinars and events have brought together thousands of stakeholders, including officials from the White House, National Institutes of Health, Department of Energy, and United States Patent and Trademark Office; senior staffers on Capitol Hill; issue-area experts at major trade associations, philanthropic organizations, and Fortune 500 companies; and journalists.

The Coalition has a massive media footprint; its media relations efforts have generated over **1,000 media placements** across the country. Notable placements include the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *NPR*, *Bloomberg*, *The Hill*, *Axios*, *Roll Call*, *Politico*, *Fortune*, and *STAT*.

The Bayh-Dole Coalition has changed the direction of the national debate by highlighting positive examples of the law's success as well as going on the offensive against those who wish to undermine our world-class innovation system.



American Innovator Award and Faces of American Innovation Event

Each year, the Bayh-Dole Coalition selects a group of scientists, researchers, entrepreneurs, and tech transfer pioneers to honor with the American Innovator Award. The Coalition shares their inspiring stories in the annual Faces of American Innovation report and recognizes their accomplishments at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The two-day event brings together leaders across industries, including agriculture, academia, life sciences, manufacturing, energy, and more. Speakers have included former Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO **Kathi Vidal**, Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the USPTO **Coke Morgan Stewart**, **U.S. Rep. Jake Auchincloss** (D-MA-04), **U.S. Rep. Deborah Ross** (D-NC-02), and **U.S. Rep. Kevin Kiley** (I-CA-03).

Members of the Bayh-Dole Coalition have access to **exclusive portions** of the event, including political forecast and advocacy panels, townhall discussions on the Coalition's activities and future plans, and the opportunity to meet with members of Congress and federal officials. In the first three years alone, members and awardees engaged with **nearly forty offices** in the House, Senate, and White House to inform policymakers about the Bayh-Dole Act and advocate for its protection.

The Faces of American Innovation report and event has earned media engagement from both industry-specific and national outlets, including the Wall Street Journal, Salon, and Forbes — reaching a total audience of over **20 million**.

Learn more about the American Innovator Award and Faces of American Innovation report and event on our website: bayhdolecoalition.org/awards/



Support Our Mission

The Bayh-Dole Coalition's work is made possible through the commitment of organizations and individuals who recognize the vital role of technology transfer in driving American innovation. Financial support enables the Coalition to advance high-impact initiatives that inform policymakers, educate stakeholders, and strengthen the innovation ecosystem.

Contributions directly support efforts such as our annual Faces of American Innovation report and events, national awareness campaigns, and ongoing research and policy engagement that highlight the real-world benefits of the Bayh-Dole framework. These initiatives ensure that the value of federally funded research — and its path to commercialization — remains visible, understood, and protected.

We offer flexible ways to support our mission, including one-time or recurring contributions on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Donors are recognized across the following tiers:

- **Member** (≤ \$249)
- **Advocate** (\$250 – \$499)
- **Sponsor** (\$500 – \$4,999)
- **Steward** (\$5,000 – \$24,999)
- **Champion** (\$25,000 – \$49,999)
- **Guardian** (\$50,000 – \$200,000+)

Each level of support helps expand the Coalition's reach and impact at a critical time for U.S. innovation policy.

To learn more or make a contribution, please visit: bayhdolecoalition.org/donate/.





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