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Former U.S. Senator Flake to Address NACDS-PAC Event During 2019 NACDS Annual Meeting

Arlington, Va. – The National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) announced that former U.S. Senator and six-term Congressman Jeff Flake (R-AZ) will speak at the April 29 NACDS Political Action Committee (NACDS-PAC) Breakfast during the [2019 NACDS Annual Meeting](#), which will be held April 27-30, in Palm Beach, Fla.

Flake was first elected to Congress in 2000, and served six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives prior to his election to the U.S. Senate in 2012. On January 29, the Senator announced that he will not be running for president in 2020, but instead will be joining CBS News as a contributor.

“NACDS is excited to welcome Senator Flake to our 2019 NACDS-PAC Breakfast. This event is known for providing attendees with compelling insights from those highly engaged in some of the most pressing issues in the policy and political arenas. Senator Flake will bring his thoughts on the state of politics and the state of issues including immigration, fiscal policy and trade – all of which are shaping the environment in which NACDS and all advocates are operating today,” said NACDS President and CEO Steven C. Anderson, IOM, CAE.

A straight-talker, Sen. Flake confidently spoke out on issues – regardless of party lines. The author of the bestseller *Conscience of a Conservative*, Sen. Flake has been heralded as an “ideal public servant” in *The New York Times*, and as a “taxpayer superhero” by the American Conservative Union.

He ardently advocated for comprehensive immigration reform and for a traditional conservative approach to spending, including opposition to earmarks. On healthcare issues, Sen. Flake supported a free-market approach focused on lowering costs, encouraging innovation, and enabling individuals to make their own healthcare decisions – with the goal of broadening access to affordable health care. He voted in favor of the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act* (H.R. 6) – which includes key aspects of NACDS’ recommendations to help address opioid abuse.

In the Senate, he served on the Judiciary Committee, the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the Foreign Relations Committee, and chaired multiple subcommittees.

Sen. Flake currently resides in Mesa, Arizona with his wife, Cheryl, and their five children: Alexis, Ryan, Austin, Tanner and Dallin. He holds both a Bachelor of Arts degree in international relations and a Master of Arts degree from Brigham Young University (BYU), where he and his wife met as freshmen.

The bipartisan NACDS-PAC supports Congressional candidates who understand and help to advance pro-pharmacy and pro-patient policies. The NACDS-PAC Breakfast features leaders of diverse political and ideological bents, and is part of the NACDS Chain Members and PAC Breakfast, during which NACDS-related business is conducted. The event is open to NACDS chain members and to NACDS-PAC contributors.

Additional information about the NACDS Annual Meeting is available on the event [website](#).

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NACDS represents traditional drug stores, supermarkets and mass merchants with pharmacies. Chains operate over 40,000 pharmacies, and NACDS' over 80 chain member companies include regional chains, with a minimum of four stores, and national companies. Chains employ nearly 3 million individuals, including 157,000 pharmacists. They fill over 3 billion prescriptions yearly, and help patients use medicines correctly and safely, while offering innovative services that improve patient health and healthcare affordability. NACDS members also include more than 900 supplier partners and over 70 international members representing 21 countries. Please visit NACDS.org.

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