

Saving Lives, Creating Jobs.

featuring *Ross DeVol*
Milken Institute Chief Research Officer

&

special guest
Rep. Erik Paulsen

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On Friday, June 15th Ross DeVol, Chief Research Officer at the Milken Institute, presented his recent study, “The Global Biomedical Industry: Preserving U.S. Leadership” at the *Saving Lives, Creating Jobs* forum put on by the Freedom Foundation of Minnesota and LifeScience Alley. The audience had over 100 attendees which including current state legislators, candidates, and other business and opinion leaders from throughout the Twin Cities.

During the question and answer period, there was much interest in how Minnesota can preserve and grow its biomedical industry.

Other speakers at the conference included Congressman Erik Paulsen from the Third Congressional District of Minnesota.

Congressman Paulsen discussed his work as the Chairman of the US House of Representatives Medical Technology Caucus and his leadership role in working to repeal the Medical Device Tax under the Affordable Care Act. The Congressman went on to describe how the medical device tax and other regulations can harm the industry and stifle innovation and jobs.

Others also spoke at the forum. Shaye Mandel, Vice President of Government Relations of LifeScience Alley, gave an overview of Minnesota’s biomedical industries, Jeff Trehwitt of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) highlighted his findings from the Minnesota Clinical Trials report and Frestedt, Inc. President Dr. Joy Frestedt discussed the Minnesota Clinical Research Alliance promoting the positive impact clinical trials have for patients and the local economy.

Before Mr. DeVol’s presentations he sat down with Arundhati Parmar, the Minnesota Bureau Chief of the “MedCity News,” to discuss the findings of his study.



Milken Institute Chief Research Officer Ross DeVol (left) and Rep. Erik Paulsen (right).



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