



2025 WITA/WITF  
**ANNUAL  
DINNER**



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 23**  
**5:30 PM TO 11:00 PM**  
**ATRIUM AND ATRIUM HALL**

Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW | Washington, DC





## PAST HONOREES & SPEAKERS AT THE WITA / WITF ANNUAL DINNER

<p><b>2024</b> Senator Chris Coons, Congressional Leadership Award Congressman Darin LaHood, Congressional Leadership Award Ana Swanson, Lighthouse Award Doug Palmer, Lighthouse Award Masters of Ceremonies: Kaitlin Sighinolfi &amp; Nasim Fussell</p>	<p>Senator Orrin Hatch, Congressional Leadership Award Senator Ron Wyden, Congressional Leadership Award Ambassador Mike Moore, Lifetime Achievement Award Everett Eissenstat, Lighthouse Award Master of Ceremonies: Nicole Venable</p>	<p><b>2006</b> Congressman Charles Rangel, Distinguished Service Award Congressman Jim Kolbe, Lifetime Achievement Award Keynote address by Senator Hillary Clinton Master of Ceremonies: Bill Lane</p>
<p><b>2023</b> Congressman Adrian Smith, Congressional Leadership Award Senator Tom Carper, American Leadership Award Deputy Director-General Angela Ellard, Lifetime Achievement Award Monica H. Whaley, Lighthouse Award Masters of Ceremonies: Stacy J. Ettinger &amp; Vanessa Sciarra</p>	<p><b>2014</b> Congressman Charles Boustany Jr. MD, Congressional Leadership Award Congressman Ron Kind, Congressional Leadership Award Ambassador Michael Punke, Distinguished Service Award Ambassador Clayton Yeutter, Lifetime Achievement Award Wendy Cutler, Lighthouse Award Master of Ceremonies: Ambassador Peter Allgeier</p>	<p><b>2005</b> Congressman William Thomas, Distinguished Service Award Congressman Robert Matsui, Lifetime Achievement Award Keynote address by Congressman Jim Kolbe</p>
<p><b>2022</b> Congressman Ron Kind, Distinguished Service Award Senator Pat Toomey, Distinguished Service Award Ambassador Carla Hills, Lifetime Achievement Award Jennifer A. Hillman, Lighthouse Award Master of Ceremonies: Ambassador Rufus Yerxa</p>	<p><b>2013</b> Chairman Dave Camp, Distinguished Leadership in International Trade United States Trade Representative Michael Froman, Distinguished Leadership in International Trade Congressman Gregory Meeks, Distinguished Leadership in International Trade Ed Gresser, Lighthouse Award Master of Ceremonies: Ambassador Peter Allgeier</p>	<p><b>2004</b> Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade Grant Aldonas, Distinguished Service Award Deputy United States Trade Representative Peter Allgeier, Distinguished Service Award Keynote address by Congressman Cal Dooley Master of Ceremonies: Bill Lane</p>
<p><b>2021</b> Congressman Richard Neal, Congressional Leadership Award Congressman Kevin Brady, Lifetime Achievement Award Ambassador Rufus Yerxa, Lifetime Achievement Award Florizelle Liser, Lighthouse Award Master of Ceremonies: Ambassador Susan Schwab</p>	<p><b>2012</b> United States Trade Representative Ron Kirk, Distinguished Service Award Congressman David Drier, Lifetime Achievement Award Jutta Hennig, Lighthouse Award Master of Ceremonies: Grant Aldonas</p>	<p><b>2003</b> United States Trade Representative Robert Zoellick, Distinguished Service Award Keynote address by Jack Valenti</p>
<p><b>2019</b> Senator Chuck Grassley, The American Leadership Award Congresswoman Suzan DelBene, Congressional Leadership Award Congresswoman Jackie Walorski, Congressional Leadership Award Women in International Trade (WIT), Lighthouse Award Master of Ceremonies: John Veroneau</p>	<p><b>2011</b> Senator Rob Portman, Distinguished Service Award Senator John Kerry, Distinguished Service Award Angela Ellard &amp; Vijji Rangaswami, Lighthouse Award Keynote address by United States Trade Representative Ron Kirk Master of Ceremonies: Frusina Harsanyi</p>	<p><b>2002</b> Congressman Amo Houghton, Lifetime Achievement Award Congressman William Jefferson, Distinguished Service Award Congressman John Tanner, Distinguished Service Award</p>
<p><b>2018</b> Senator Ben Cardin, Congressional Leadership Award Senator Pat Roberts, Congressional Leadership Award Secretary Sonny Perdue, American Leadership Award Laura Baughman, Lighthouse Award Master of Ceremonies: Nicole Bivens Collinson</p>	<p><b>2010</b> Senator Max Baucus, Lifetime Achievement Award Ambassador Jon Huntsman, Distinguished Service Award R. Scott Miller, Lighthouse Award Keynote address by former United States Trade Representative Susan Schwab Master of Ceremonies: Dan Glickman</p>	<p><b>2001</b> Congressman Phil Crane, Lifetime Achievement Award Senator Charles Grassley, Distinguished Service Award Congressman Sander Levin, Distinguished Service Award</p>
<p><b>2017</b> Congressman Rick Larsen, Congressional Leadership Award Senator Jeff Flake, Congressional Leadership Award Meredith Broadbent, Lighthouse Award Master of Ceremonies: Kellie Meiman Hock</p>	<p><b>2009</b> Congressman Kevin Brady, Distinguished Service Award Congressman Joe Crowley, Distinguished Service Award Frank &amp; Regina Vargo, Lighthouse Award Keynote address by Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke Master of Ceremonies: Jim Kolbe</p>	<p><b>2000</b> Secretary of Commerce William Daley, Lifetime Achievement Award Congressman Calvin Dooley, Distinguished Service Award Congressman David Dreier, Distinguished Service Award</p>
<p><b>2016</b> Secretary Penny Pritzker, Global Leadership Award Congressman Earl Blumenauer, Congressional Leadership Award Congressman David Reichert, Congressional Leadership Award Bill Lane, Lighthouse Award William Reinsch, Lighthouse Award Master of Ceremonies: Nicole Venable</p>	<p><b>2008</b> United States Trade Representative Susan Schwab, Distinguished Service Award R.K. "Judge" Morris, Lighthouse Award Keynote address by former United States Trade Representative Rob Portman Master of Ceremonies: Cal Dooley</p>	<p><b>1999</b> Senator Max Baucus, Distinguished Service Award Senator Chuck Hagel, Distinguished Service Award</p>
<p><b>2015</b> Congressman Paul Ryan, Congressional Leadership Award</p>	<p><b>2007</b> WITA's 25th Anniversary: Celebrating a Quarter Century of Trade Leadership Keynote address by Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez Master of Ceremonies: John Castellani</p>	<p><b>1998</b> Secretary of Treasury Robert E. Rubin, Distinguished Service Award Senator William V. Roth, Distinguished Service Award</p>
	<p><b>1996</b> Congressman Sam Gibbons, Lifetime Achievement Award Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade Stuart Eizenstat, Distinguished Service Award</p>	<p><b>1995</b> Congressman James Kolbe, Distinguished Service Award Congressman Robert Matsui, Distinguished Service Award</p>



## WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL TRADE ASSOCIATION WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL TRADE FOUNDATION

# WELCOME YOU TO THE 2025 WITA/WITF ANNUAL DINNER

Each year we honor individuals who have provided  
leadership and vision in the advancement of  
international trade and economic policy.

*Thank you for joining us this evening as we honor*

**Senator Michael Bennet**  
United States Congress

**Senator Mike Crapo**  
United States Congress



## WELCOME TO THE WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL TRADE ASSOCIATION AND FOUNDATION DINNER!

On behalf of the Boards of the Washington International Trade Association and Foundation, welcome! We are delighted you are able to join us this evening, and we are so grateful to our sponsors for their support.

That support has enabled WITA's tremendous growth in recent years, including an increase in our impact and reach beyond Washington, DC. We now have a global audience for our online and in-person events. In just the past year, WITA's membership has grown by more than 10%, to over 6,600 members, more than double our membership of 2020.

In the past twelve months, 12,007 people from 119 different countries have attended our webinars, seminars and in-person events - including the two biggest events in WITA's history. Among those 12,007 people, were over 1,700 U.S. government officials, and 645 officials from governments outside the United States. We're grateful to be seen by so many leaders and decision makers as a trusted platform for informed discussion of international trade. We're also thrilled that the next generation of trade leaders is logging into WITA and WITA Academy programs, with 800 students from 104 universities taking part in our events.

Through WITA International, we significantly expanded our training and educational programming for our global audience helping our members around the world better understand what is happening in Washington, DC. In the coming year, we hope to originate more programming from outside the U.S., to give our U.S. and global membership a better understanding and appreciation for what is happening in trade policy around the world.

Tonight, we come together as a community to celebrate the achievements of U.S. trade leaders in government and the private sector. We honor two Members of the U.S. Senate who have worked to advance America's global leadership and to promote the interests of their constituents through trade. Senator Mike Crapo, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Senator Michael Bennet, a Member of the Senate Finance Committee, are both committed to advancing the interests of American workers, firms, farmers and ranchers through trade.

We are also pleased to honor the memory of Frederick W. Smith, the Founder and longtime chairman and CEO of FedEx Corporation. Under his leadership, FedEx grew from a small start-up into a multinational corporation that redefined global commerce. As Marc Benioff, the founder of Salesforce so aptly put it, Fred Smith was "unwavering in his belief that business could—and must—be a force for good in the world." We join all WITA members in saluting Mr. Smith's legacy.

Tonight's honorees and speakers embody WITA's vision that we can come together as a community to debate and discuss international trade as a means to strengthen the U.S. and global economies, to lift people out of poverty, and to help workers, farmers, ranchers and firms to prosper.

Thank you for being here to celebrate our honorees and our phenomenal trade family.

Have a great evening,

*Nasim Fussell*

**Nasim Fussell**

Chair of the Board

Washington International Trade Association

*Ted Austell*

**Ted Austell**

Chair of the Board

Washington International Trade Foundation

WITA is a non-partisan, non-profit membership organization providing a neutral forum for the open and robust discussion of international trade and economic policy. WITF is the 501(c)(3) organization that hosts the Annual Dinner and supports the educational mission of WITA through the WITA Academy and WITA International, and supports WITA's Young Trade Professionals (YTP) program.

## EVENING SCHEDULE

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**Registration & Cocktails**  
Atrium

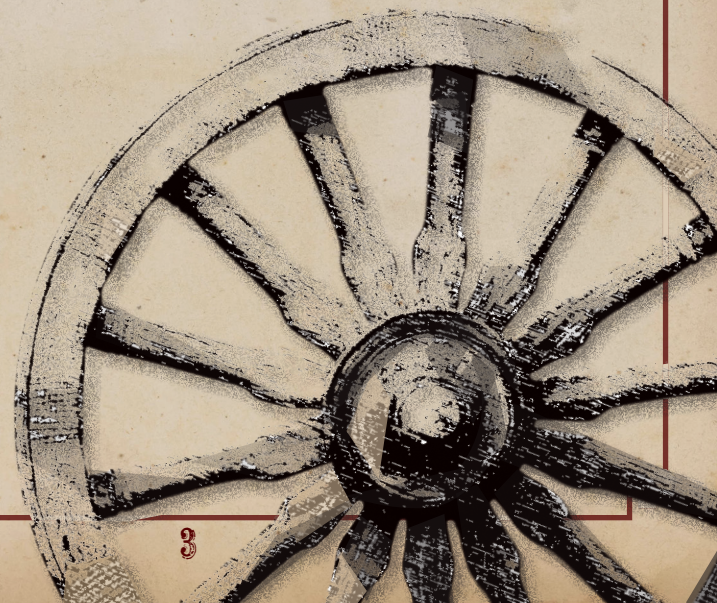
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Dinner & Awards Program**  
Atrium Hall

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM

**Post Dinner Reception**  
Atrium

You are invited to pick up a gift bag as you exit tonight's event.  
Floral centerpieces may also be taken as souvenirs.





# WELCOME

**Kenneth I. Levinson**

WITA Chief Executive Officer

**Nasim Fussell**

WITA Board Chair, Business Roundtable

## AWARDS PROGRAM

**Senator Pat Toomey**

Presenting Award to

**Senator Mike Crapo**

Congressional Leadership Award

Special Remarks by

**Ambassador Carla Hills**

**Senator Chris Coons**

Presenting Award to

**Senator Michael Bennet**

Congressional Leadership Award

Presentation of 2025 Lighthouse Award by

**Stephanie Lester & Sarah Thorn**

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

**Kelly Ann Shaw**



# MENU

## Passed Hors d'Oeuvres

**Slab Bacon Skewer**  
with Amber Maple Glaze

**BBQ Chicken Skewer**

**Grilled Artichoke**  
with Asiago Cheese on  
Toast Round

**Peach BBQ Brisket**  
Wrapped in Pork Belly

**Fried Baby Potato**  
Filled with Venison Chili and  
White Cheddar

## First Course

**Modern Wedge Salad**

Blue Cheese, Bacon, Tomato Sherry Vinaigrette

## Entrée

**BBQ Spiced Shrimp & Grits with Short Rib**

Citrus Beurre Blanc, Asparagus, Oven Roasted Tomato

## Dessert

**Buttermilk Corn Cake**

Roasted Peach, Honey Chantilly, Oat Crumble

## Post-Dinner Delights

**S'mores Custard**

Graham Crumble, Toasted Marshmallow Cream, Crystalized Dark Chocolate

*If you requested the vegetarian, vegan, or gluten-free options, please notify your server.*





# BEVERAGES

The Boards of WITA and the Foundation thank the Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S. for providing tonight's spirits for the Annual Dinner receptions.



The Boards of WITA and the Foundation gratefully acknowledge the generous donations of wine, beer, spirits, and refreshments from the following embassies and organizations:

## Embassy of Australia

Four Sisters Sauvignon Blanc  
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## Embassy of Costa Rica

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## Embassy of the Netherlands

Heineken Lager

## Embassy of New Zealand

Nautilus Sauvignon Blanc 2024

## Embassy of Switzerland

Chiar di Luna Bianco di Merlot

The Boards of WITA and the Foundation are grateful to the Wine Institute for their generous contribution of wine to tonight's dinner!



# IRISH SALOON

The Boards of WITA and the Foundation thank the World Trade Center, Washington, DC, and the World Trade Center, Dublin, for their generous support of WITA's Irish Saloon!



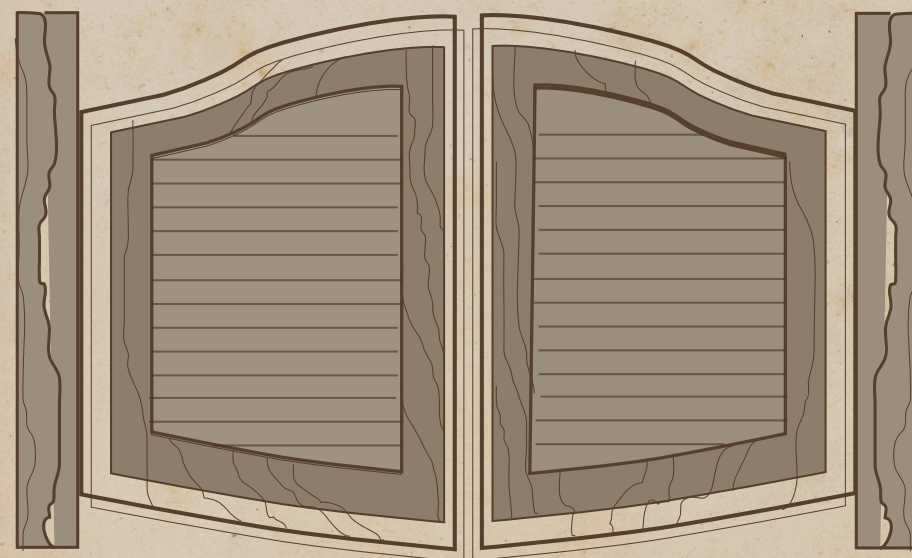
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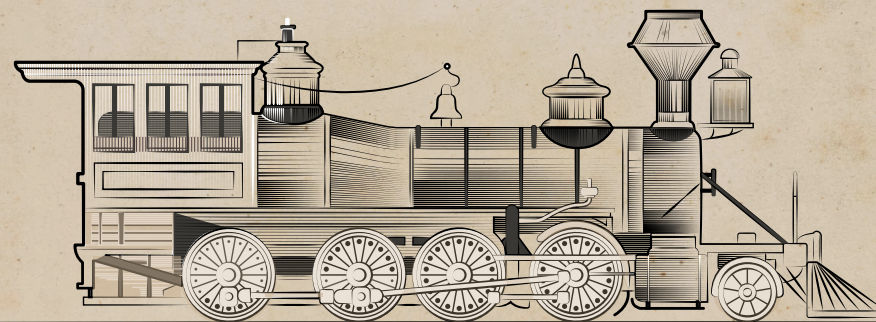
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# DINNER COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL THANKS

## 2025 Annual Dinner Committee

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## Special Thanks

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### Thank You!

An extra special thank you to Allyson Browne McKithen and Maureen Pace for your support through the World Trade Centers.

We're also deeply grateful to Nimal Aluthgama, Erin Taylor, Monica Howell, J. Phillip Gambrell, Dennis Burns, and the entire staff of the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center for your tireless and ongoing support of WITA throughout the year.



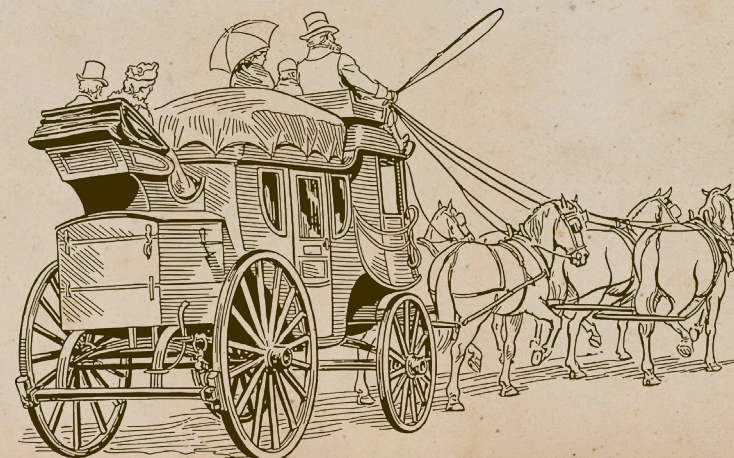
## SENATOR MIKE CRAPO

Senator Crapo joined the Senate Finance Committee in 2005 and became the Chairman of the Committee in January 2025, giving Idahoans a strong voice in legislation related to federal tax policy; federal social safety net and health care programs; and implementation of foreign trade agreements.

He is a current member and former Chairman of the Banking Committee; a senior member of the Budget Committee; and a member of the Joint Committee on Taxation. His sensible approach has earned him the respect of his colleagues, and he has been selected to serve in various leadership roles, and currently serves as the Chief Deputy Whip among Senate Republicans, as well as on the Committee on Committees.

Senator Crapo has been a consistent advocate for free market policies that fuel economic growth. He knows that Americans succeed when given the freedom to compete, and the entire country benefits from smart trade policies. Promoting U.S. global economic leadership through free and fair trade and competitive corporate tax policies are among his top priorities.

He received his law degree from Harvard Law School and undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University. He served six years in the House of Representatives and eight years in the Idaho State Senate, where he served as Senate President Pro Tem, before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 1998.





## SENATOR MICHAEL BENNET

Michael Bennet has represented Colorado in the United States Senate since 2009. Widely recognized as a pragmatic and independent thinker, he is driven by a deep-seated obligation to create more opportunity for the next generation. Michael has built a reputation of taking on Washington dysfunction and working with Republicans and Democrats to address our nation's greatest challenges – including education, climate change, immigration, health care, and national security.



He was a member of the bipartisan “Gang of 8”— four Democrats and four-Republicans — that introduced and passed a bill through the Senate to fix our broken immigration system. He continues to work with bipartisan colleagues to secure common sense immigration reforms to boost the economy, strengthen our national security, and provide a fair path to citizenship for millions undocumented immigrants.

As a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and Senate Committee on Finance, Michael believes the U.S. must play a leading diplomatic, economic, and military role in the world to secure our interests, protect our homeland, and advance our values. He believes the United States should not only maintain but strengthen the international order crafted by visionary American public servants after World War II to peacefully resolve conflicts and ensure rules-based international exchange. In the 21st century, this means standing up against aggression by autocrats, like Russia's Vladimir Putin, by supporting democracies like Ukraine; deepening alliances and partnerships in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Indo-Pacific, Europe, and beyond; working with allies and partners and investing in our military to deter autocratic aggression; and embarking on mutually-beneficial trade to open international markets to American companies and advance U.S. interests.

As Colorado's U.S. Senator, Michael has fought to invest in clean energy to create jobs and help break our reliance on overseas oil, to uphold our commitment to Colorado's veterans and military families, and to preserve Colorado's rich agricultural tradition underpinned by our family farmers and ranchers. Michael and his wife Susan Daggett, a natural resources lawyer, are the parents of three daughters: Caroline, Halina, and Anne.

## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS!

# Akin<sup>SM</sup>

Akin proudly supports Trade Prom and warmly congratulates this year's esteemed honorees.

AMERICAN  
**APPAREL &  
FOOTWEAR**  
ASSOCIATION

The American Apparel & Footwear Association congratulates this year's WITA honorees!  
We are proud to show our support for the award winners and are grateful for their leadership in trade policy!

The Boeing logo, featuring a stylized blue circular emblem with a white swoosh and the word "BOEING" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

The Boeing Company salutes Senator Mike Crapo and Senator Michael Bennet for their exemplary leadership in the advancement of international trade.





Business Roundtable congratulates this year's honorees.



Caterpillar congratulates WITA and this year's honorees -  
Chairman Crapo and Senator Bennet!



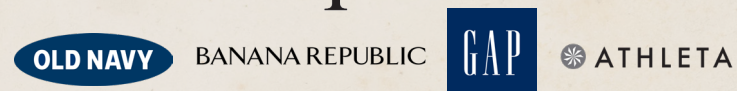
The Corn Refiners Association honors the Canadian and Mexican food and  
agriculture community, who have worked tirelessly to ensure  
resilient and prosperous regional supply chains.



We understand what it takes to deliver when it counts.  
We are proud to show our support for this year's award winners. Congratulations!



FGS Global congratulates Senator Michael Bennet and Senator Mike Crapo  
for their well-deserved recognition in the global trade field.  
Thank you WITA for acknowledging their achievements!



Congratulations to Senator Mike Crapo and Senator Michael Bennet!  
Thank you both for your outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to  
advancing strategic, forward-looking U.S. trade policy.



Congratulations to this year's honorees  
and thank you for your tireless efforts to champion robust trade policy.



Congrats to Sen. Crapo and Sen. Bennet, and thanks to WITA!





Congratulations to the WITA team for another incredible year!  
Thank you for your tireless efforts to build up our trade community through education and advocacy.  
Here's to another successful year!



Hyundai Motor Group congratulates Chairman Mike Crapo and Senator Michael Bennet  
for their well-deserved recognition by the  
Washington International Trade Association (WITA) this year!

KING & SPALDING

King & Spalding sends its best wishes and many thanks to this year's deserving honorees.



We remain committed to strengthening U.S.-Korea economic ties and  
fostering meaningful partnerships in the international trade community.



Cheers to this year's WITA honorees!  
From all of us at Lot Sixteen — thank you for your leadership and lasting contributions  
to the international trade community. Well deserved!

MAYER  
BROWN

Mayer Brown LLP congratulates this year's honorees,  
Senator Michael Bennet and Chairman Mike Crapo.



Microsoft thanks and congratulates the honorees on their  
outstanding contributions to U.S. trade leadership and economic prosperity!



MPA

Congratulations to all honorees!  
We are proud to sponsor tonight's celebration and applaud your  
outstanding achievements and contributions.





Congratulations to the honorees for their service and dedication to advancing international trade and to WITA for offering timely and informative programming on trade policy.



World Trade Center Washington, DC congratulates the honorees for their service and dedication to advancing international trade and to WITA for offering timely and informative programming on trade policy.



Squire Patton Boggs is proud to support WITA/WITF. Congratulations to all of tonight's honorees.



Congratulations! Your work is exceptional and noteworthy!



UPS applauds this year's honorees for their outstanding achievements and invaluable contributions to advancing global trade.



U.S. Chamber of Commerce

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce congratulates Senator Michael Bennet and Senator Mike Crapo for their tireless leadership on trade.



Congratulations to Senator Michael Bennet and Senator Mike Crapo for their outstanding contributions to advancing international trade.



## Arnold & Porter

Arnold & Porter congratulates the 2025 WITA Dinner Honorees and thanks WITA/WITF for another year supporting and educating Washington's international trade community.



Congratulations to Senators Bennet and Crapo for their dedicated service and leadership in recognizing the importance of free trade and advancing global commerce. We also extend our appreciation to WITA for its continued commitment to providing educational and informative programming on trade policy.



Chevron is proud to support The 2025 WITA/WITF Annual Dinner.



The Coca-Cola Company congratulates this year's honorees and thanks them for their dedication and contribution to international trade.



The Consumer Technology Association congratulates the honorees for their work on trade policy and thanks WITA for honoring their dedication!



Covington congratulates this year's WITA honorees and applauds their leadership on international trade. Our thanks to WITA for keeping the trade community up to date in the fast-changing trade environment.



DLA Piper's National Security and Global Trade practice is proud to sponsor the 2025 WITA/WITF Annual Dinner, and congratulates this year's honorees, U.S. Senator Michael Bennet and U.S. Senator Mike Crapo.



Dow congratulates tonight's honorees for their well-deserved recognition and their long-standing contributions to supporting trade policy that advantages American manufacturing and our workforces. Thank you to WITA for your stalwart leadership on behalf of our grateful trade community.



Congratulations from Lilly to this year's honorees Senator Bennett and Senator Crapo. Your ongoing commitment to international trade is greatly appreciated.



Hogan Lovells proudly congratulates the 2025 WITA honorees and supports WITA's mission to advance global trade through dialogue, insight, and collaboration.



Congratulations to another successful year for WITA and the International Trade community!



We are honored to extend our sincere congratulations to 2025 WITA/WITF Annual Dinner.





MetLife congratulates the honorees for their work to advance international trade and WITA for its role in facilitating robust dialogue around trade policy.



Warmest congratulations to this year's honorees. Special kudos to the wider trade community for driving our work forward in a year of unprecedented change.



Our organizations recognize this year's honorees for their valuable efforts in supporting the dairy sector and helping to grow export opportunities. We appreciate their continued focus on opening doors for U.S. dairy products worldwide.



Pfizer congratulates Senators Michael Bennet and Mike Crapo on being honored by the Washington International Trade Association. We appreciate their steadfast support for pro-trade policies that help drive innovation and economic growth in the United States.



Polsinelli congratulates the honorees of the 2025 WITA Annual Dinner on their recognition!



Congratulations, Senators! Qualcomm is proud to honor and celebrate your dedication to advancing American prosperity.



Congratulations to the honorees for their service and dedication to advancing international trade and to WITA for offering timely and informative programming on trade policy.



Congratulations to all the awardees! Wishing you continued success in the years ahead.



Sorini, Samet and Associates is thrilled to celebrate tonight's WITA award winners and the entire international trade community.



Congratulations to the honorees for their service and dedication to advancing international trade and to WITA for offering timely and informative programming on trade policy.



Torrey Advisory Group thanks this year's recipients for their contributions to the global trade economy. Congratulations!



Congratulations to Senator Michael Bennet and Senator Mike Crapo—proof that bipartisan leadership in trade isn't just possible, it's powerful. TOYOTA is proud to support these champions of U.S. competitiveness and growth. Many thanks to WITA for celebrating the leaders who drive our economy forward.





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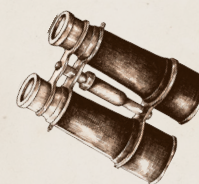
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