

Billy Tauzin

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Politics today. Having worked on both sides of the political aisle and being the first Congressman to have ever served in leadership positions as both a Republican and a Democrat, Billy Tauzin has a very unique view of our current political climate. In his presentations, he addresses politics today using personal stories and anecdotes from his time on the Hill. With his experience at PhRMA, a pharmaceutical lobby group, he also discusses these issues from the perspective of a company outside of Capitol Hill trying to influence legislation.

Healthcare. A leading voice on healthcare as a member of Congress and a key player in the 2009 healthcare reform negotiations, Tauzin addresses the current state of healthcare reform and its implications for business. His perspective from both the legislative side and the special interest side (as the former president and CEO of PhRMA), provides unique insights into one of today's most debated issues. As he recently battled cancer, Tauzin also has a personal connection to the issue and developed a program within the pharmaceutical industry to give low income people access to life-saving medications. In his presentations, he weaves his experiences as a patient and a policymaker together to address one of the most pressing issues today.