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SPEAKER INTRODUCTION

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E&Y's National Director of State and Local Tax Policy Economics. Dr. Cline has extensive state and local tax policy and research experience having served as Tax Research Director in the Michigan Department of Management and Budget and in the Minnesota Department of Revenue. Dr. Cline has directed tax policy analysis, tax modeling projects, state and local fiscal studies, and economic impact studies for public and private-sector clients in 25 states.

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State Policy Director at the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP), a non-partisan research and education organization that strives to provide policymakers, advocates, and the public with accurate, useful, and timely information regarding tax systems across the United States and how they affect taxpayers at different income levels. Prior to joining ITEP, Jeff was the Deputy Director of the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center (MBPC), where he authored a variety of publications on tax policy and economic matters in Massachusetts. Jeff has also previously served as a member of the professional staff of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means, advising Democratic Members of Congress on Social Security. He holds a Master of Public Policy degree from Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute.

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State and Local Tax specialist with the public accounting firm SC&H Group in their Sparks, MD location. Beverly handles nexus and apportionment issues, audit representation, voluntary disclosures, jurisdictional regulations and registrations, as well as compliance and research for sales tax, gross receipts tax, income and franchise tax. Beverly earned her undergraduate degree in accounting from Villa Julie (Currently called Stevenson University), and her Master's degree in Taxation from University of Baltimore. She is a member of the AICPA, the MACPA, and is the current chair of the MACPA's State Tax Committee.