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Alliance for a Stronger FDA Announces New Officers for 2020
Long-time DC Advocates Wayne Pines and Ron Bartek To Be President and Vice President

Silver Spring, MD---The Alliance for a Stronger FDA--which unites consumers, patient groups and industry in advocating for Food and Drug Administration (FDA) funding—announced today that Wayne Pines, President of Healthcare at APCO Worldwide, and Ronald J. Bartek, President and Co-Founder of the Friedreich’s Ataxia Research Alliance, have been elected President and Vice President respectively of the Alliance (<https://strengthenfda.org/>).

“This is an especially tough budget year and non-defense discretionary programs, including FDA will be subject to downward pressure on their budgets.” Pines said: “Both Ron and I look forward to mobilizing the Alliance’s diverse members to assure that FDA’s budget reflects its vast responsibilities.”

The Alliance, whose members represent a broad cross section of FDA stakeholders, was founded in 2006 to advocate on behalf of the then-chronically underfunded FDA, which regulates products that account for more than 20% of consumer spending. Much progress has been made in the past decade in increasing FDA’s budget and help enable it to meet growing responsibilities and a more complex environment.

Pines is a co-founder of the Alliance and previously served as president. Bartek is a long-time member of the Board. As Vice-President in 2020, it is expected that he will be President in 2021.

The Alliance for a Stronger FDA is a multi-stakeholder advocacy group that unites more than 150 patient and consumer groups, biomedical research advocates, health professions societies, individuals and industry to work to increase FDA’s budget authority appropriations.

More information about the Alliance can be found at www.StrengthenFDA.org. If you would like to receive information from the Alliance on a regular basis, please contact [Reed Diskey](#).

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