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BECOME AN ASNT ADVOCATE!

Over my more than five years at ASNT, I have noticed some significant trends within our membership. First, you are passionate about what you do, which includes the NDT field, your respective industries, and your individual jobs. NDT is clearly important to you, and you want others to appreciate how important NDT is to your nation's health and safety, as well as the quality, reliability, and performance of your companies and employers. Second, you feel that NDT is either not well-known or it is underappreciated by your clients, stockholders, senior managers, coworkers, governments, and the public. Third, if given the opportunity to share your passion for NDT or to convince others of the importance of effective NDT, you will actively engage in such activities. This is a good thing!

ASNT recently held its first Hill Day. "Hill days" are when an association's members travel to Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, to meet with Congressional members and their staffs to discuss issues important to the association. In ASNT's case, more than 50 members and staff met with Senate and House members and their staffs to educate them about NDT and two critical issues: the workforce shortage and the need for increased government funding for NDT research. The good news is that our messages were well-received-everyone we met with appreciated learning about NDT and its indispensable role in our society. The bad news is that we have our work cut out for us to get legislation introduced in the current political climate.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our members who took the time to travel to DC and join us on that historic day. You all made a huge impact! I would also like to thank our amazing staff team, led by Director of Public Relations and Government Affairs Garra Liming, who organized and coordinated more than 150 meetings held across two days on the Hill.



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If you are passionate about the NDT field. if vou want the world to recognize and appreciate NDT, and if you are ready to share your passion and our message, then join ASNT's advocacy team now.

A group of ASNT members and staff gathered in Washington, DC, for ASNT's first Hill Day on 11 March.