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### United States Senator to Speak at Medical Conference Sunday in Portland

PORTLAND, OR; Jun 20, 2014 – The American Society of Echocardiography (ASE), the largest global organization for cardiovascular ultrasound imaging, is honored to announce that Senator Ron Wyden, the senior United States Senator for Oregon, will be addressing attendees of its [Silver Anniversary Scientific Sessions](#) on **Sunday, June 22nd at 9:00 am** in the Portland Ballroom of the Oregon Convention Center.

Senator Wyden is one of the most influential legislators in Washington, serving as Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, arguably the chamber's most powerful committee, with jurisdiction over a myriad of issues including pensions, trade and **healthcare**.

On Sunday, Senator Wyden will discuss issues of relevance to the ASE membership including preserving Medicare, the role of government in medical innovation, science, and medicine, providing quality care with a specific focus on chronic care, and the future of the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) repeal. This presentation will be held following the Edler Lecture during the Society's annual business meeting and awards event.

“We are very pleased to be able to have the opportunity to hear directly from someone who is helping to shape the country's healthcare system,” commented ASE President Benjamin Byrd III, MD, FASE of Vanderbilt University Medical Center. “As our nation’s healthcare system undergoes unprecedented change in the coming years, the Society and its members will continue to collaborate with policymakers to ensure the highest levels of patient care and responsible stewardship of resources,” Dr. Byrd added.

The ASE Scientific Sessions are being held June 20-24 at the Oregon Convention Center, featuring cutting-edge education, research and the latest vendor technology, as well as special symposia and receptions. The conference will highlight echocardiography’s role as a cornerstone in daily practice, as well as provide the latest information on new technology and clinical advances, showcasing echo’s place at the forefront of cardiovascular medicine and science.

*As the largest global organization for cardiovascular ultrasound imaging, the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) is the leader and advocate, setting practice standards and guidelines. Comprised of over 16,000 physicians, sonographers, nurses, and scientists, ASE is a strong voice providing guidance, expertise, and education to its members with a commitment to improving the practice of ultrasound and imaging of the heart and cardiovascular system for better patient outcomes. For more information about ASE, visit [www.asecho.org](http://www.asecho.org) or ASE’s public information site, [www.SeeMyHeart.org](http://www.SeeMyHeart.org).*

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