Public Institute Leadership Development (PILD) Conference Jennifer Bridge (KY), NEAFCS Vice President for Public Affairs

It's hard to believe April is almost here! I am looking forward to seeing the cherry blossoms in Washington DC when I attend this year's PILD conference. It's not too late to register and as a reminder, anyone can attend this conference, not just your affiliate leadership team.

The JCEP PILD conference *All Systems Go-Navigating National Identity for Local Impact* is being held on April 3-6 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA. The Keynote for this year's conference will be Mark Bayer with



Bayer Strategic Consulting. His presentation titled *Breaking Through Is Hard to Do: Getting Your Voice Heard in Congress* will focus on determining if your priorities can get the attention of policymaker and their staff as well as communication before, during and after. We will also hear from national program leaders, representatives from ECOP, NIFA and many other wonderful speakers.

Registration will close soon, so don't wait to make hotel reservations and register for the conference. Information and registration are available at www.jcep.org/pild.

I hope to see you in DC!