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Former U.S. Ambassador to Canada Bruce Heyman Joins the Canada Institute Advisory Board

WASHINGTON – The Wilson Center’s Canada Institute is pleased to announce that the Honorable Bruce Heyman, former U.S. Ambassador to Canada, has joined its advisory board effective immediately.

Canada Institute Director Laura Dawson says: “During his time in Canada, Ambassador Heyman managed controversial bilateral issues and political transitions. He is someone that knows the relationship from both sides and the Canada Institute will benefit tremendously from his business, trade, and leadership expertise during a critical time in Canada-U.S. relations.”

Ambassador Heyman: “I’m delighted to join the Canada Institute Advisory Board to help support their critical mission. My time in Canada taught me how vitally important our best friend to the north is to the United States, and I look forward to continuing my work enhancing our bilateral relationship.”

The Canada Institute is a nonpartisan public policy forum based in Washington, D.C., that is dedicated to exploring and strengthening the Canada-U.S. relationship by advancing dialogue and the free flow of ideas on emerging policy issues.

The Canada Institute’s Advisory Board is co-chaired by:

- **Hon. David Jacobson**, Vice Chair, BMO Financial Group; Former U.S. Ambassador to Canada.
- **Hon. Gary Doer**, former Premier of Manitoba, former Canadian Ambassador to the United States.
- **Hugh Mackinnon**, Chairman and CEO, Bennet Jones LLP.

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Biographical Notes:

Ambassador Bruce Heyman is the co-founder of Uncharted, a new venture engaging in creative philanthropy, impact investments, and political activism. There, he combines his political, economic, and charitable experience to create sustained impact among diverse communities. Most recently, he served as the United States Ambassador to Canada under President Barack Obama from 2014 until 2017. He continues his work strengthening the relationship between Canada and the United States by serving as a strategic advisor to Canada 2020, a Canadian progressive think-tank based in Ottawa, as a member of the advisory board to the Canada Institute at the Wilson Center, and as an honorary patron to the Council of the Great Lakes Region. He is also on the advisory board for Uptake in Chicago.

Ambassador Heyman is a 33 year veteran of Goldman Sachs, where he served as partner and managing director in the Chicago office. He previously served as a board member for the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and the Northwestern Memorial Hospital Foundation. He also served as an advisor to the Fix the Debt CEO Council of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. He has been a member of The Executives' Club of Chicago and the Facing History and Ourselves Chicago Advisory Board.

A magna cum laude graduate with both a BA and an MBA from Vanderbilt University, Ambassador Heyman continues to maintain close ties to his alma mater. He is past president of the Alumni Board and a former member of the Board of Visitors at the university's Owen Graduate School of Management. He and his wife Vicki live in Chicago, where they celebrate their family and friendships. They have three children and three beautiful grandchildren.

Laura Dawson is Director of the Canada Institute. Named one of Canada's Top 100 foreign policy influencers by the Hill Times in 2014, Dawson is a speaker, writer, and thought leader on Canada-U.S., NAFTA, TPP, and international trade issues. Previously, she served as senior advisor on economic affairs at the United States Embassy in Ottawa and taught international trade and Canada-U.S. relations at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs. Dawson continues to serve as Emeritus Advisor at Dawson Strategic, which provides advice to business on cross-border trade, market access and regulatory issues.

Canada Institute Advisory Board

The Canada Institute's programming, publications, and strategic direction benefit greatly from the leadership and guidance of its advisory board, which features more than 20 prominent businesses and thought leaders from Canada and the United States.

About the Canada Institute

The Canada Institute was founded in 2001 to increase awareness and knowledge about Canada and Canada-U.S. relations among U.S. policymakers and opinion leaders. The Institute currently stands as the only nonpartisan public policy forum in the world dedicated to exploring emerging policy issues in one of the most successful and unique bilateral relationships in the world.