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## **Teresa Lubbers joins Sagamore Institute as president** *Founding president Jay Hein to become chief executive officer*

**Indianapolis-** Sagamore Institute, a solutions-oriented think tank based in Indiana, announced today a change in leadership structure. Teresa Lubbers will serve as president, while founding president Jay Hein will become the organization's first chief executive officer. Lubbers served as Indiana's commissioner for higher education for 13 years. When she left in April, she was the nation's longest-serving state higher education executive officer. Before being named commissioner, Lubbers served in the Indiana Senate for 17 years and became one of the nation's leading education policy experts.

"While I wasn't looking for another full-time position when I left the Commission for Higher Education, I believe this role is an ideal way to use my state-level and education experience," Lubbers said. "I'm excited about joining Sagamore and the opportunity to serve its mission and expand its nationwide impact."

Lubbers and Hein will work alongside one another. Lubbers will focus on crafting policy and influencing change with one of her first tasks being the creation of a new education and workforce center. Hein will devote his time to developing strategy and seeking more opportunities for growth, particularly within Commonwealth, Sagamore's impact investing platform that offers innovative services to expand economic opportunities.

"Shortly after Teresa stepped down as commissioner for higher education, we began discussing what was next for her career," Hein said. "We quickly discovered her desire to serve at a purpose-driven organization aimed at enduring impact coincided powerfully with Sagamore Institute's need for a leader with her profile and character. I am excited about the direction in which Teresa will lead our organization."

"Sagamore Institute has experienced significant growth over the past few years, and we needed additional senior leadership on our team to continue building our policy programs and elevating our solutions-oriented approach," said Katie Mote, chair of Sagamore Institute's board of trustees. "Teresa's exceptional reputation in our community and her track record for moving ideas into action make her the perfect choice to fulfill our mission to build and implement solutions to society's biggest problems."

Sagamore Institute was formed in early 2004 when former U.S. Senator Dan Coats and Hein determined America needed a think tank based on the heartland's values and geography to contrast the noise and rancor coming from Washington, D.C.

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“After spending many years in Washington, I have seen firsthand how the political rhetoric and a contentious environment limit one’s ability to make an impact,” Coats said. “We formed Sagamore Institute to be the antithesis of Washington and to tackle difficult issues with civility and focus on solutions not ideology. I am confident Teresa will continue to expand upon Sagamore’s reputation of excellence by working alongside valued partners and encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation.”

Lubbers will begin her new role effective immediately. For more information about Sagamore Institute or Commonwealth, click [here](#). To download a headshot of Lubbers, click [here](#).

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## **About Sagamore Institute**

Sagamore Institute is an action-oriented think tank that advances innovative solutions to the world’s biggest problems. In communities across America, real people are solving real problems without regard to labels or ideologies. Unfortunately, far too many innovators work in a vacuum. From the nation’s Heartland, Sagamore identifies and supports these entrepreneurs and innovators – whether in government, the marketplace, or civil society – and helps to turn new ideas into smarter policy and improved practice.

To complement its research and consulting practice, Sagamore maintains a separate 501(c)(3) organization called Commonwealth Impact Foundation that capitalizes promising business solutions. Commonwealth maintains \$30 million in assets under management and a network of 100+ impact investors.

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