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Mark Gearan serves as Vice Chair of the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service, a new temporary federal agency established by Congress to review the military selective service process and encourage and inspire more Americans—particularly young people—to serve their communities and country and strengthen American democracy. Mr. Gearan is the President of the Harvard Graduate School of Education and Special Advisor for Public Service Initiatives at Harvard College. From 1999 to 2017, Mr. Gearan served as President of Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Prior to that, Mr. Gearan held several senior positions in government. In 1995, President Clinton appointed Mr. Gearan to serve as the Director of the Peace Corps. Previously, Mr. Gearan served in the White House as Assistant to the President, Director of Communications, and Deputy Chief of Staff. Mr. Gearan is an appointee of the Bipartisan Policy Center’s Commission on Political Reform, which focuses on developing policy recommendations for electoral system reform, congressional reform, and encouragement of greater public service. He is a former member of the White House Council for Community Solutions, a group of cross-sector leaders appointed by President Obama to recommend collaborative solutions to increase civic engagement. He also has served on the boards of the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Presidential Appointee Initiative at the Brookings Institution, the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, New York State Campus Compact, and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. He is a member of the Leadership Council for The Franklin Project, a policy program at the Aspen Institute, and is the co-chair of the National Advisory Board on Public Service at Harvard College. He earned his bachelor’s degree in government *cum laude* from Harvard University and his law degree from Georgetown University. He is the recipient of 13 honorary degrees.