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With over 40 years of experience in leadership and public service at the national level, William (Billy) Canary provides the strategic insight needed to help organizations succeed. As a consultant, he leverages his vast knowledge of public policy, leadership coaching, crisis management, and government to provide solutions that allow organizations to meet their strategic objectives.

Billy began his professional career in New York, where he made an early name for himself in the political arena, winning several elected positions in the Long Island area. Recognized for his integrity, ability to solve complex problems, and collaborative leadership style, he soon gained the attention of top political leaders in Washington, which led to key appointments as a Special Assistant to President George H. W. Bush and Chief of Staff for the Republican National Committee.

Over his career, he has been an advocate for businesses and champion of economic growth, holding roles as CEO of the Business Council of Alabama and President and CEO of the American Trucking Association. Currently, he remains an Advisor to the United States Chamber of Commerce, where he serves as a thought leader on matters related to business, politics the Federation and the economy.

In 2018 he founded Canary & Company and in 2020 launched the Washington, DC based Intergovernmental Affairs Group (the-iag.com).

Both professional service firms advance a strong knowledge of business, economics, and politics making them an asset to executives and organizational leaders seeking professional and trustworthy counsel to solve complex challenges in policy, political and regulatory ecosystems across the government spectrum.

He was a member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Committee of 100 and served on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Manufacturer's State Associations Group. Canary continues to serve on the Advisory Board of Ready Nation.

He is also a contributor and co-author of *The Next New Start* (2015), *Unfinished Business* (2016), *Time And Again* (2017) and the author of *Leadership: No Reserves. No Retreats. No Regrets* (2020).

Canary is a graduate of State University New York at Oneonta and holds a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from the Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center at Touro College in New York.

He and his wife, Leura have two adult children, Will and Margaret. They reside in Montgomery, Alabama.