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William C. Lane is a leading business advocate for free trade and global engagement in Washington D.C. Bill has been with Caterpillar since 1975 and has held various leadership positions in Washington since 1993. Mr. Lane is a chairman of the U.S. Latin America Trade Coalition, a group supporting Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with Colombia and Panama. He is also co-president of the U.S. Global Leadership Campaign, a coalition supporting a robust international affairs budget.

From 2005 to 2007, Speaker Hastert appointed Bill to the HELP Commission, a presidential committee examining the effectiveness of U.S. foreign aid. Bill has recently served on the German Marshall Fund Task Force on Development and Peace Corps Review Team. He also founded and led the USA Engage Effort, and helped lead the business advocacy efforts in support of the Australia, Chile and Peru FTAs, as well as Trade Promotion Authority.

Previously, Mr. Lane was the Company Spokesman in Peoria during the Caterpillar-UAW labor dispute (1991-1993) and a Peoria-based Governmental Affairs Representative (1986-1991). From 1975 to 1985 he held various managerial and accounting staff positions in York, Pa.

Bill is a member of the State Department's Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy. He received his BS and MA degrees from Penn State and attended the University of Cologne in Germany. Mr. Lane is an Adjunct Professor at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University and a Board Member of the Penn State Smeal College Alumni Society. He was also a Certified Management Accountant.