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David Paterson leads Communications, Government and Environmental Relations at General Motors Canada and he works as part of GM's global Public Policy and Communications teams. David is also currently Chair of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce

Prior to joining GM in 2014, he was Senior Vice President, Government Relations & Public Policy at BlackBerry (formerly Research In Motion) where he led the Company's government relations and public policy development on a global basis. David led a global team responsible for regulatory advocacy and engagement in 175 countries focused on a wide range of issues and policies including trade impediments, export controls, market access, taxation, privacy, cyber security, patents and intellectual property, spectrum, cross border data flows, consumer protection, environment and safety.

Prior to joining BlackBerry in October, 2010, David was Senior Vice President, Public Affairs at Manulife Financial, one of the world's largest insurance and financial services companies. At Manulife he was responsible for managing the company's overall external image including media, government and community relations as well as brand management and environmental reporting. He was also a member of the Company's Management Committee.

Before joining Manulife Financial in 2009, David served as Vice President and member of the Board of Directors of General Motors Canada Limited where he managed public policy, environment and external relations through one of the most challenging periods in that company's history. From 1995 to 2002, he was Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs at AGRA Inc., and subsequently assumed the same role, post merger, for AMEC plc, one of Europe's largest engineering services companies. At AMEC, he managed corporate and investor communications, based in London, U.K. From 1990 to 1995, David managed a wide range of corporate and international government relations accounts at Hill and Knowlton Canada where he became Senior Vice President.

Between 1986 and 1990, he worked on the staff of various Ontario Government Cabinet Ministers, acting as Executive Assistant to the Government House Leader and as a Special Assistant to the Ministers of Government Services, Education, the Attorney General for Ontario and the Minister responsible for Race Relations, Native Affairs and Women's Issues.

David serves on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. He has served on the boards of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Journalism Foundation. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Queen's University and a Master of Arts in Canadian History from McGill University.