

## **Margaret Hoover Joins the Board of the Markle Foundation**

**New York, NY – March 31, 2021** – The Markle Foundation is pleased to announce today that Margaret Hoover has been elected to its Board of Directors. Hoover is the host of *Firing Line with Margaret Hoover* on PBS, a revival of William F. Buckley Jr.'s long running public affairs television program.

"Margaret is an astute observer who will bring a broad perspective to Markle's work. She examines issues and communities from a deeply thoughtful perspective," said Zoë Baird, CEO and President of Markle. "We are delighted to have Margaret join our Board and look forward to working together to drive an equitable economic recovery that opens opportunities to good jobs for all workers."

"Markle recognizes that it will take broad, cross-sector collaboration to address the current economic challenges and enable an even-handed economic recovery for all Americans," said Margaret Hoover. "Through the Rework America Alliance, Markle has a vision for making opportunity available for everyone. I look forward to working with Markle's leadership to advance these solutions."

Suzanne Nora Johnson, Chair, Markle Board of Directors, added, "Margaret's unique set of experiences and accomplishments make her an excellent addition to the Markle Board. I am so pleased she will be joining us as we pursue our important work."

The Markle Foundation has formed the Rework America Alliance, a unique coalition of more than 30 partners, including civil rights organizations, nonprofits, private sector employers, labor unions and educators. The Alliance is working to advance opportunities for millions of unemployed and low wage workers to move into good jobs, particularly people of color who have been disproportionately affected by the current economic and health crisis.

Hoover is a political commentator for CNN and President of American Unity Fund, a political organization focused on achieving full freedom and equality for LGBT Americans. A best selling author, Ms. Hoover served in The White House under President George W. Bush, in the Department of Homeland Security, on Capitol Hill and on two presidential campaigns.

Ms. Hoover serves on the boards of Stanford University's Hoover Institution, the Hoover Presidential Foundation, the Belgian American Educational Foundation, and The 19<sup>th</sup>\* a non-profit newsroom. Raised in Colorado, Hoover has lived in China, Mexico, Bolivia and Taiwan, speaks fluent Spanish fluently and has studied Mandarin Chinese. Ms. Hoover lives in New York City with her husband and their two children.

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## **About The Markle Foundation**

The Markle Foundation challenges itself and diverse partners to deploy their varied expertise to identify solutions to critical public problems and achieve systemic change. Today as advanced technology and automation change the very nature of work, Markle's priority is advancing solutions toward a labor market that will enable workers in America to move into good jobs in the digital economy. Markle's workforce initiatives include the **Rework America Alliance**, which draws on Markle's **Skillful** and **Rework America** initiatives. This work follows Markle's success in creating the policy and technology architecture that has enabled improvements in healthcare, national security, and access to the Internet. For more information, visit **markle.org**, follow **@MarkleFdn** and **@ReworkAmerica** on Twitter, and read our book, **America's Moment**.