Taking Taxing Actions: Implications for the United States and Mexico

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Speaker Bios (in alphabetical order):

Arturo Sarukhan
Former Mexican Ambassador to the United States

Ambassador Arturo Sarukhan is an international strategic consultant and advisor based in Washington DC. A career diplomat and digital diplomacy pioneer, Amb. Sarukhan served as Mexican Ambassador to the United States (2007-2013), the first Ambassador to this country to use Twitter in an official capacity. As a member of the Mexican Foreign Service, he also served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs, Chief of Policy Planning at the Foreign Ministry, and Mexican Consul-General to New York. In 2006 he joined the Presidential Campaign of Felipe Calderon as Foreign Policy Advisor and International Spokesperson. He then led the foreign policy Transition Team. Ambassador Sarukhan has taught at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), the National Defense and Naval Defense Colleges in Mexico, the InterAmerican Defense College, the National Defense University of the United States and as an adjunct professor at George Washington University. In addition to serving on the boards of the Americas Society and the National Immigration Forum, among others, Sarukhan is a Distinguished Fellow at the USC Annenberg School Center on Public Diplomacy and is a Pacific Leadership Fellow at UCSD.
Earl Anthony Wayne  
Former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico

An accomplished diplomat and executive, Ambassador Wayne has served in a wide variety of positions during his career, including as U.S. Ambassador to Mexico and Argentina, Deputy Ambassador in Afghanistan, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Europe. “Tony” has successfully led complex organizations and teams in Washington and overseas, working to develop and implement policies involving countries around the world to solve problems and create opportunities across economic, political, security and public diplomacy issues. Wayne left the State Department in late 2015 as a Career Ambassador, the most senior U.S. diplomatic rank.

Ambassador Wayne is a Public Policy Fellow and Co-Chair of the Mexico Institute’s Board at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Wayne is the Treasurer of the American Foreign Service Association and Treasurer of its PAC. From 2015-2019, Wayne was a Non-Executive Director on the Financial System Risk Advisory Committee of HSBC Latin America. For the bank, he successfully improved its culture and practices on managing financial crime risk. He writes and speaks frequently on international topics, including Mexico, NAFTA, Afghanistan, trans-Atlantic relations and trade.

Ann Wilson  
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Ann Wilson works with MEMA’s Washington office staff in overseeing federal and state legislative and regulatory monitoring, reporting and advocacy. She develops and promotes association members’ views on legislation and regulations affecting the motor vehicle supplier industry.

Wilson comes to MEMA from the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA), Washington, D.C., where she served as the Senior Vice President of Government Affairs. At RMA, Wilson worked closely with the association’s board and committees to create, manage and implement policy directives. Her areas of expertise included transportation, tire safety regulations, state and federal taxes, international trade and international harmonization.

Prior to joining RMA in 1998, Wilson was the Vice President of Government Affairs for the American Moving and Storage Association (AMSA), based in Alexandria, VA. She served as state legislative council for the American Trucking Associations from 1989 to 1991, when she joined the AMSA.