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Becky Norton Dunlop serves on the senior management team of The Heritage Foundation as Vice President for External Relations. Her responsibilities include the departments engaged in strategic outreach and communication to conservative public policy institutions and other leadership organizations, international, state and local government officials, business leaders and conservative policy activists. She also oversees the Heritage Lectures and Seminars program which provides a forum for key leaders and policymakers to present their ideas for discussion and debate. She represents Heritage in national and international venues.

Prior to joining Heritage, she served as Secretary of Natural Resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Cabinet of Governor (and now Senator) George Allen. Her responsibilities included the Departments of Environmental Quality, Historic Resources, Game and Inland Fisheries, Conservation and Recreation, the Marine Resources Commission, the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department and the Natural History Museum. She was the principal environmental policy advisor to the Governor and held this post from 1994 to 1998. During her tenure, the agencies were streamlined, decentralized and down-sized while the quality and condition of the natural resources and the environment were enhanced. Governor Allen also appointed Mrs. Dunlop to serve as co-chair of the Governor's Council on Self-Determination and Federalism and Vice-Chair of his Commission on Environmental Stewardship.

In the 1980's, Dunlop was a senior official in the Administration of President Ronald Reagan, including service in the White House as Deputy Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel and Special Assistant to the President and Director of his Cabinet office. She served in the U.S. Department of Justice in 1985 and 1986 as Senior Special Assistant to the Attorney General managing Cabinet level domestic policy issues including environment, family policy, federalism, tort reform, privatization and welfare reform. During 1987-1989, she was Deputy Under Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior and Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. President Reagan also appointed her to head the Interagency Committee for Women's Business Ownership, a U.S. Commissioner to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, and as his Personal Representative to the Northern Marianas. She now serves as a member of the Board of Governors of the Reagan Ranch, Rancho del Cielo, in Santa Barbara, California.

She is a frequent speaker in the United States and internationally including in Canada, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Italy, Switzerland, Great Britain, the Republic of Korea, and Australia. Dunlop also writes and is a contributor to electronic and print media. She founded her own company, Century Communications, Inc. in 1977 which focused on strategic planning, communications and managing for results. Her bachelor's degree is from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Dunlop is the author of [*Clearing the Air*](#), which discusses current environmental and natural resources challenges in the context of federalism. She is a Senior Fellow of the [Alexis de Tocqueville Institution](#) that published the book.

Dunlop was recently appointed by HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Director of the National Center for Environmental Health, which is part of the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). She has also been appointed by

President Bush to serve as Chair of the Federal Service Impasses Panel. In addition, she recently served as an appointee of the Senate Majority Leader on the Commission on Women.

Dunlop serves as a board member for the National Wilderness Institute, Defenders of Property Rights, the Family Foundation of Virginia, the Virginia Institute of Public Policy, the American Conservative Union, the Association of American Educators, the National Conservative Campaign Fund and the Reagan Alumni Association. She is on the Advisory Council for the Landmark Legal Foundation and Hunters for the Hungry and a member of the Philanthropy Roundtable. She serves on the Editorial Advisory Board of Technology, A Journal of Science Serving Legislative, Regulatory and Judicial Systems. She serves as an Advisory Board member to the Richmond Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society, and as a member of The Salvation Army Leadership Council. Dunlop has been named a Fellow at the Institute for Corean-American Studies. She and her husband, George, a former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, reside in Arlington, Virginia.