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**THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCES THAT FOUNDING
BOARD LEADERS GOV. THOMAS KEAN AND DR. ISABEL
SAWHILL WILL STEP DOWN**

Kean and Sawhill Oversaw Historic Declines in Teen Pregnancy and Birth Rates

(Washington, DC)—After more than 20 years of service, former New Jersey governor Thomas Kean and Brookings Senior Fellow Dr. Isabel Sawhill will step down from their roles as Chair and President, respectively, of the Board of Directors of The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy (The National Campaign) this October.

When The National Campaign was founded 21 years ago by Kean, Sawhill, and former CEO Sarah Brown, teen pregnancy and birth rates had skyrocketed, and many experts considered the issue intractable. Supported by the vision and dedication of these leaders, there have been historic declines in teen pregnancy and births since that time. In fact, each has plummeted (55% and 67% respectively) with significant declines in all 50 states and among all racial, ethnic, and economic groups. In addition, between 2008 and 2011, the rate of unplanned pregnancy for women in their early 20s has decreased by 22%.

“It has been a tremendous personal honor and pleasure to have worked with Gov. Kean and Dr. Sawhill. The National Campaign has been extraordinarily fortunate to have had these distinguished and dedicated individuals as leaders of our Board for so long,” said Ginny Ehrlich, CEO, The National Campaign. “There is no doubt that the unprecedented declines in the teen and unplanned pregnancy rates in this nation are due to the historic and significant work of these devoted individuals.”

[Stephen A. Weiswasser](#), a media executive and lawyer, will become Chair of the Board. Mr. Weiswasser currently practices law with Covington & Burling LLP, and has played leadership roles in a variety of media companies as well as The National Campaign.

“It has been a privilege to serve on the board with Gov. Kean and Dr. Sawhill,” said Weiswasser. “They helped create one of the nation’s foremost bi-partisan and research-based organizations in this or any other field, which has made the work and success of The National Campaign possible. But our work will not be done until all women have meaningful and informed opportunities to decide if, when, and under what circumstances to get pregnant.”

Isabel Sawhill is a Senior Fellow in Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution. She served as Vice President and Director of the Economic Studies program from 2003 to 2006. She also was co-Director of the Center on Children and Families. Prior to joining Brookings, Dr. Sawhill was a senior fellow at The Urban Institute and served in the Clinton Administration as an associate director at the Office of Management and Budget.

Gov. Kean served two terms as the 48th governor of New Jersey from 1982 to 1990 and was appointed by President George W. Bush as chairperson of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, also known as the 9/11 commission. In addition, he also served as the president of Drew University.

About The National Campaign: The National Campaign is a private, non-partisan, non-profit organization that seeks to improve the lives and future prospects of children and families by preventing teen and unplanned pregnancy. Please visit us at www.TheNationalCampaign.org or follow along on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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