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Bill Dirksen served as Vice President, Labor Affairs for Ford Motor Company from January 2014 until December 2019, when he elected to retire. In this role, Dirksen was responsible for global labor policy and negotiations covering Ford's approximately 140,000 union employees. He led Ford's negotiations with the UAW in 2015 and 2019. Additionally, he was responsible for hourly employee health care management and the company's collective bargaining with unions worldwide. Prior to this assignment, Dirksen served as Ford's Executive Director for U.S. Labor Affairs. He played a key role in leading the company's 2007, 2009 and 2011 UAW negotiations.

Dirksen joined Ford in 1985 and served as the senior human resources leader in Ford Motor Credit Company, as well as for Manufacturing Operations and the Finance function. He also led human resources for Ford operations in Australia from 1999 to 2002.

Dirksen earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Notre Dame in 1982, and a master's degree in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University in 1984. He currently serves on the Leadership Board for WorkRise, a research-to-action network on jobs, workers and mobility hosted by the Urban Institute.