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RNDF 2023 Welcomes the Honorable Gina M. Raimondo

Secretary of Commerce Will Participate in a Fireside Chat at the 10th Reagan National Defense Forum

WASHINGTON, DC — The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute announced that the Honorable Gina M. Raimondo, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, will participate in a fireside chat at the annual Reagan National Defense Forum (RNDF) at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California, on December 1-2, 2023. The conversation will focus on the nexus of America's economic and technological competitiveness with national security.

Under Secretary Raimondo's leadership, the Department of Commerce has intensified its emphasis on enhancing the global competitiveness of U.S. businesses, improving the security of America's supply chains, and decreasing reliance on China for products and technologies essential to our national security. Secretary Raimondo has been instrumental in the implementation of the CHIPS and Science Act, which lays out a long-term vision for building America's technological leadership to pace the threat from China by funding programs across all U.S. manufacturing sectors.

Secretary Raimondo was sworn into office as Governor of Rhode Island in January 2015 and won a second term in 2018. She became the 40th U.S. Secretary of Commerce in March 2021.

RNDF offers the defense community a chance to discuss and debate how the United States can lead the world in an era of increasingly complex challenges and opportunities. Attendance at RNDF is by invitation only. Media who wish to attend must [RSVP here](#), and a media relations team member will follow up to confirm credentials.

What: The Reagan National Defense Forum

Who: The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo, Secretary of Commerce

When: December 1-2, 2023

Where: Ronald Reagan Presidential Library
40 Presidential Drive
Simi Valley, CA 93065

For more information, visit www.RNDF.org and follow [@ReaganInstitute](https://twitter.com/ReaganInstitute).

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