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## **The Bastion Institute Announces Second Kick-Off Panel for 2023 Featuring Ernst, Hogan, Pence**

DES MOINES, Iowa — The Bastion Institute today announced their second in a series of panels across Iowa and the country in 2023.

On Saturday, March 18, 2023, The Bastion Institute is excited to host former Vice President Mike Pence, former Governor Larry Hogan, and U.S. Senator Joni Ernst for conversations around America's strength and leadership abroad and its importance to Americans here at home.

The event will take place in **Des Moines, IA on Saturday, March 18, 2023**. The event will feature individual time slots with each panelist and Senator Ernst. The panels will be ticketed and open to the media.

"Iowans understand the importance of engaging with partners around the globe to counter our adversaries and bolster trade relationships," **said Senator Ernst, the first female combat veteran elected to the U.S. Senate**. "I'm excited to partner with the Bastion Institute to host Vice President Pence and Governor Hogan for a conversation on American foreign policy and national security and what these issues mean to folks right here in Iowa."

The Bastion Institute recently announced their kick-off panel for 2023 with Ambassador Nikki Haley and Senator Joni Ernst to take place on Friday, March 10, 2023 in West Des Moines.

In 2022, The Bastion Institute held panels across the country in Des Moines, IA; Phoenix, AZ; Chicago, IL; Nashville, TN; and, Palo Alto and Los Angeles, CA. The panels featured thought leaders from around the country including Senator Joni Ernst, Senator Bill Hagerty, Congressman Mike Waltz, former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, former Governor Doug Ducey, former Secretary of Energy Dan Brouillette, former U.S. Ambassador to China Terry Branstad, former National Security Advisor Robert C. O'Brien, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Elbridge Colby, Senior Advisor to the Foundation for Defense of Democracies Richard Goldberg, and others.

[The Bastion Institute](#) was founded in 2022 and strives to bring together some of the brightest minds across the country to discuss the path toward strengthening America's leadership and standing on the world stage. Bastion focuses on conversations around U.S. adversaries — like China, Russia, and Iran — our partners and allies, and why these topics and relationships matter to Americans in every community across the country. [Click here to watch a recap of 2022.](#)

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