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John Howard is the President and Chairman of The Grainger Foundation, a leading private foundation located in Lake Forest, Illinois focused on promoting science education, healthcare, cultural institutions, and fostering entrepreneurship. He previously spent 24 years as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of W.W. Grainger, Inc., a Fortune 500 industrial distributor, where he advised the Board and executive leadership in navigating complex regulatory, organizational, and competitive challenges.

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