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*Dr. Elms previously testified at the Commission’s April 2022 hearing on “Challenging China’s Trade Practices: Promoting Interests of U.S. Workers, Farmers, Producers, and Innovators.”*