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Gustavo Ferreira is a senior agricultural economist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Farm Production and Conservation Business Center (FPAC-BC) where he develops and conducts complex economic studies, analyses and appraisals that involve supply and demand for agricultural commodities, budget projections, and estimation of the impacts of agricultural programs and policies. Before joining USDA FPAC-BC, Dr. Ferreira worked as an agricultural economist at the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS). Prior to joining the federal government, Dr. Ferreira was an assistant professor in agricultural economics at the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at Virginia Tech and a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Louisiana State University.

In his military capacity, Major Ferreira serves as a Civil Affairs Agricultural Officer (38G-6U) at the 353rd Civil Affairs Command, US Army Reserves (USAR). He is responsible for providing advice and expertise on rural development and agricultural matters to the European Command (EUCOM) and the United States Army Europe and Africa (USAREUR-AF). In his 16 years of military service, he has assumed multiple leadership and staff roles and received numerous military awards, to include the top 10 finalist in the Army Outstanding Junior Officer Award national competition.

Dr. Ferreira has an extensive publication record in top-ranking peer-reviewed journals in agricultural economics and military science fields. Dr. Ferreira was invited to participate in podcast episodes and has been interviewed by prominent press publications such as *The Financial Times*. His recent published research work on China's preparations for conflict in the food security space was quoted in *The Economist*. Dr. Ferreira was asked to brief the Kansas City Federal Reserve and the Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support on food security issues in Ukraine and Taiwan, respectively.

Dr. Ferreira holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Lusiada University (Portugal), a Master of Business Administration degree from McNeese State University, and a doctorate in Agricultural Economics from Louisiana State University.

Dr. Ferreira has not previously testified for the Commission.