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*Mr. Harris has not testified before the Commission.*

### **Questions for Panelist**

1. How have countries in the region and beyond responded to BRI? How has Japan responded to BRI? How do perceptions of BRI vary among different stakeholders in Japan (e.g., political elites vs. business elites vs. public opinion)?
2. How has BRI influenced the economic strategies of countries in the region?
3. How does BRI interact with other regional economic initiatives? To what extent can we expect BRI to compete with or complement development strategies envisioned by Japan?
4. To what extent do regional countries perceive BRI to impact or complicate their own national security interests? How, if at all, are regional countries recalculating or recalibrating their regional strategies in response?
5. Five years in, has BRI generally improved or hurt China's reputation and standing in the world? How has BRI extended China's diplomatic reach and soft power?
6. To what extent does China's growing influence affect or displace the U.S. role in countries hosting BRI projects?
7. The Commission is mandated to make policy recommendations to Congress based on its hearings and other research. What are your recommendations for Congressional action related to the topic of your testimony?