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Prior to joining CSIS, he served as a policy adviser at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, where he directed the research and writing process for essays, speeches, and other materials explaining U.S. trade and investment policy. At USTR, he contributed to the 2015 U.S. National Security Strategy, the President's Trade Agenda, and numerous Congressional testimonies. He has also worked as a researcher at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, the Council on Foreign Relations, and in Kyrgyzstan as a Fulbright scholar. He is a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School, where he was a Presidential Scholar, and Brown University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and received the Garrison Prize for best thesis in international relations.

Mr. Hillman has not testified before the Commission.

Questions for Panelist

1. Describe key trends in BRI projects to date. To what extent do BRI projects follow market rules and international standards?
2. A key objective of BRI is to gain more access to foreign markets to boost Chinese exports. What tools has Beijing used to further this goal (e.g., national champions, credit, infrastructure, and free trade agreements)?
3. How has BRI affected China's trade and investment patterns? Have Chinese manufacturing exports to BRI countries displaced or otherwise impacted domestic manufacturing production in these host countries? What is BRI's impact on Chinese service exports?
4. How has BRI extended China's diplomatic reach and soft power? To what extent does China's growing influence affect or displace the U.S. role in countries hosting BRI projects?
5. What are the economic implications of BRI for the United States? What U.S. companies are currently involved in BRI projects, and what is the status of these projects? Do U.S. companies face a fair playing field in competing for BRI projects? What opportunities and risks do U.S. companies face?
6. 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?