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**Opening Statement**

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Mr. Chairman, thank you for calling this hearing regarding the Strategic and Economic Dialogue (S&ED) between the United States and the People's Republic of China. Given the importance of the overall relationship between our two nations, the existence of a mechanism where senior-level leaders can regularly meet and discuss issues of mutual importance is extremely valuable. The true measure of success for President Obama's S&ED, as with the Bush Administration's Strategic Economic Dialogue, is whether increased contact translates into outcomes of real significance.

I strongly hope that as a result of this new discussion framework, the U.S. and China can build a more positive relationship, particularly on trade and environment. China's recent move to eliminate tariffs on American auto parts exports into their country, prompted by a World Trade Organization ruling, is a positive step in the right direction. However, I hope that our two governments can work closer together so that trade matters can be resolved without the frequent use of the WTO dispute settlement mechanism and other fair trade remedies in U.S. law. For example, last year, the U.S. International Trade Commission ruled in favor of the workers I am proud to represent at Titan Tire in Freeport, Illinois and other off-the-road tire manufacturers to stop illegal dumping and government subsidization of Chinese-made tires. Yesterday, the Commerce Department determined that China steel pipe producers have received illegal government subsidies. If the S&ED can reduce the trade tensions and make China play by the trade rules that they agreed to, then it will be considered a great success.

The S&ED must not become yet another forum for endless conversation and symbolic gestures. The Administration must be willing to push the Chinese side to make real changes now that the dialogue has been elevated to such a high-level event. We must also remember that there are other friends and allies in the Asia-Pacific region that have done a lot to enhance their relationship with the U.S. The U.S. must not forget countries like Japan and Korea in our effort to improve relations with China.

I look forward to your testimonies.