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Dr. Jeffrey Becker directs CNA's Indo-Pacific Security Affairs Program, where he oversees the organization's work examining defense plans and policies, security trends, and other issues of importance to the U.S. Navy and Department of Defense (DOD) related to allies, partners, and non-state actors across the Indo-Pacific region.

Dr. Becker has testified before Congress, briefed U.S. Government and DoD officials, and written extensively on China's military as a global force, including the overseas basing of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), U.S.-China military engagement, and the security implications of China's global presence. From 2014-2018, Dr. Becker supported the U.S. Navy with regard to China's participation in the multilateral "Rim of the Pacific" exercise (RIMPAC), working alongside U.S. and Chinese exercise planners, and spending time at sea aboard multiple PLA Navy ships during the exercise.

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Dr. Becker has not previously testified before the Commission.