



## **Opening Statement of Peter T.R. Brookes, Co-Chairman**

### ***Hearing on “The Challenge of China’s Green Technology Policy and Ohio’s Response”***

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Good morning everyone. I would also like to thank the University for hosting us. In addition, I would like to thank Senator Sherrod Brown and Representative Marcy Kaptur for their help in setting up this hearing and their leadership on this important topic.

The Commission chose Ohio for its annual field hearing in part, because it has long been a center for U.S. manufacturing and has had experience in adapting to the challenges of globalization, and with competition from China.

Here in Ohio, we see examples of that innovation. Ohio’s manufacturers are retooling and rehiring to meet the challenges of energy independence and climate change. Specifically, as we will hear, manufacturers are making Ohio a leader in wind turbines and solar power. We look forward to hearing from representatives of some of these companies and we welcome their suggestions on how the federal government can help.

After our three panels, we look forward to hearing from any members of the public that wish to offer remarks. We ask any member of the public who wishes to speak to limit remarks to five minutes and to register now with the staff.

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