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Mr. Thomas Sleight is the president and chief executive officer of the U.S. Grains Council, a non-profit organization that promotes the global use of U.S. barley, corn, sorghum and related products. Mr. Sleight worked at the council from 1983 until 1999 in a variety of roles both in the United States and abroad, including as executive director and director of international operations in Asia, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. He later worked for the Virginia Department of Agriculture as a division director and became the executive director of the New York Farm Viability Institute in 2006, where he played an integral role in the foundation of the New York Center for Dairy Excellence, worked to unite a fragmented New York dairy industry and improve industry profitability. Mr. Sleight returned to the Council in 2010 as vice president and became president and CEO in 2012.

*Mr. Sleight has not previously testified before the Commission.*