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For six years, Mr. Shobert wrote a column for the Asia Times on U.S.-China trade and economic policy, with a particular focus on how relations between the two countries were affected after the 2008 financial crisis. His latest book, *Blaming China: It Might Feel Good but It Won't Fix America's Economy*, explores the future of U.S.-China economic and political relations.

Mr. Shobert testified before the Commission in April 2014 on "China's Healthcare Sector, Drug Safety, and the U.S.-China Trade in Medical Product."