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Yilin Hou is a Professor of Public Administration and International Affairs and a Senior Research Associate in the Center for Policy Research at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Prior to this, Professor Hou was the Stanley W. Shelton Professor of Public Finance in the School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Georgia. His research interests are in fiscal and budgetary institutions, state and local taxation, intergovernmental fiscal relations, intellectual development of public budgeting, and development and governance. He has been examining China's financial reforms for over a decade, with regular field trips each year to interview officials at all levels of government.

Dr. Hou has authored and edited several books in both the United States and China and numerous peer-reviewed journal articles in the United States and internationally (China, France, India, Italy, and Japan). In *State Government Budget Stabilization: Policy, Tools, and Impacts* (New York: Springer, 2013), he refines countercyclical fiscal policy by American state governments in the 20th century and an edited sequel (2015) extends the examination to the local level. *Explorations in China's Local Government Finance 1994-2006* (co-edited, in Chinese, 2011) is a systematic examination of China's central-local fiscal transfer system that resulted from the 1994 tax reform and 1998 reform. In addition, he has long studied systemic stability issues of China's financial structure. His co-authored book, *Property Tax in China: History, Pilots, and Prospects* (2014, in both English and Chinese) advocates the local real property tax as a major means to stem problems of local debt, land use rights sale, and housing wealth inequality. His *Scheme Design of China's Local Property Tax* is coming out in summer 2016 (co-authored book in Chinese). Meanwhile, he is working on *The Road to Local Real Property Taxation: An Analysis of China's Policy Process for Adoption and Issues in Tax Design* (under contract, due in 2017).

He has never testified before the Commission.