

## COVID-19 Doesn't Put Pause on Other Critical Global Issues



On Tuesday, September 22, the Chamber hosted Biden Campaign Senior Foreign Policy Advisor and former Deputy Secretary of State Tony Blinken as part of the International Affairs Division's International Security, Trade & Economic Platform (InSTEP) series.

**On COVID-19:** "COVID-19 is the gravest challenge the U.S. has faced since World War II...and the pandemic is a national security crisis of the first order," but it hasn't put a pause on the need to address global issues like climate change, nuclear proliferation, and international technology standards.

**Tariffs still on the table:** The Biden campaign hasn't ruled out [new tariffs on U.S. imports](#) but would apply them "when they're needed" and "backed by a strategy and a plan." Blinken advocated for reshoring of manufacturing lines for some pharmaceuticals, medical supplies and equipment, explaining that, "there's [nothing] inconsistent with national production of critical goods and international trade."

**Dig deeper:** The wide-ranging discussion also touched on the prospects of [commercial decoupling from China](#), cooperation with allies in the Indo-Pacific region and the need to strengthen trans-Atlantic commercial ties.

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