

Discussions with China on Trade Move Forward

This week, U.S. Chamber Executive Vice President for International Affairs Myron Brilliant weighed in on the state of U.S.-China ties, following a delayed meeting between senior U.S. and Chinese officials to review commitments under the Phase 1 trade deal.

Why it matters: U.S.-China relations are at a low ebb, and trade discussions are one of the few areas of active engagement. The U.S. and China issued statements following the discussion between U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, and Chinese Vice Premier Liu He, indicating that both sides see value in the agreement and recognize the progress that's been made.

What We're Saying:

- “We know there's a lot of work ahead, but we continue to focus on the need for pragmatic engagement between the United States and China.” ([New York Times](#))
- “The U.S.-China relationship is complex and multi-faceted. There are 1.4 billion customers we need to sell to, alongside legitimate issues around national security and systemic concerns on issues like subsidies and control of data. We need to recognize that the U.S. and China are the world's largest economies, and that the global economy will depend on some level of engagement, even if there is competition to work through.” (Bloomberg Radio)

Dig deeper: In June, the Chamber convened top business leaders for the annual [U.S.-China CEO Dialogue](#).