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Prior to joining CFRA, Gast worked in policy and research roles with organizations in the microfinance industry, which provides small loans to entrepreneurs in the U.S. and abroad. He has testified before the Small Business Committees of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Gast holds an MBA from Georgetown University as well as a dual BA from Brown University in Political Science and Italian Studies.