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Brian DaRin is TSG's Senior Advisor for Energy, Infrastructure and Critical Minerals. Brian has decades of international affairs, trade, and business experience. He comes to TSG following a distinguished career as a Foreign Service officer in the Department of State. At State and USAID, he served as an Economic Officer in official United States Missions To Japan, China, Hong Kong, Afghanistan, Belize, and Mongolia. He is also currently affiliated with the Energy Futures Initiative (EFI), a non-profit organization focused on accelerating technologies and developing policies to promote a transition to clean energy. At EFI he is the Deputy Director of Global Programs, and his publications include A Global Hydrogen Future, The Future of Natural Gas in a Low-Carbon World, and Global Energy Supply Chains, among others.

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