

## Panelists

**Chris Van Hollen** is a Democratic Representative from the Eighth Congressional District of Maryland. First elected to the House of Representatives in 2002, he has risen rapidly in the leadership and committee ranks: He now serves as chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee; is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and its Subcommittees on Trade; and is a member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and its Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs. Prior to his election to the House he served 12 years in the Maryland General Assembly. He previously worked in the Congress as a legislative assistant for defense and foreign policy to former Maryland Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., and then as a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, specializing in national security and foreign policy issues. He earned a B.A. degree from Swarthmore College, an M.A. degree in public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a J.D. degree from The Georgetown University Law Center.

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