



## Association for Safe International Road Travel

June 4, 2024

### 2024 Congressional Briefing



#### Session Title: **Protecting Overseas Employees and Travelers: Organizational Responsibility for Road Safety**

**Purpose:** A panel of invited representatives from government, international, corporate and education sectors will address how road safety information is provided to employees and travelers in advance of travel abroad. The purpose of the briefing is to raise Congressional awareness of the impact of road crashes on American citizens working, living and traveling abroad through a discussion of the responsibility of the organizations that send employees, volunteers, and visitors overseas.

**Format:** One hour program June 4, 2024  
Rayburn House Office Building 2045  
2:30-3:30 pm, Snacks and coffee

#### **Welcome and Greetings:**

- **Ambassador Marc Grossman**,  
The Cohen Group, former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs
- **Rochelle Sobel**, President and Founder Association for Safe International Road Travel (ASIRT)
- **Reps. Richard Hudson (R-NC) and Steve Cohen (D-TN)**  
Congressional Global Road Safety Caucus Chairs

#### **Panel Facilitated by Ambassador Marc Grossman:**

- **Thomas Yazdgerdi**, President of the American Foreign Service Association (AFSA):  
*The results of the AFSA Survey of Foreign Service professionals and their perceptions and experiences with road safety overseas*
- **Elizabeth Gracon**, Managing Director, Overseas Citizen Services at U.S. Department of State:  
*The role of the State Department in informing U.S. citizens abroad of travel risks*
- **Amelia Dietrich**, Senior Director for Research & Publications, The Forum on Education Abroad:  
*How the Forum systematically informs and minimizes risk for students on unfamiliar roads*
- **Jasminka Goldoni Laestadius**, Occupational and Environmental Medicine  
The World Bank Group:  
*Preparing World Bank employees for road safety challenges*
- **Natalie Draisin**, North American Director FIA Foundation:  
*The impact of road crashes on the corporate world and what the corporate world can do*

#### **Summary and Take-aways: Ambassador Marc Grossman**