

## Exchange programs make America **SAFER**.

### Greater Global Influence

- Department of State exchanges **engage political and business leaders from 155 countries**.
- 1.7 million+** leaders around the world are alumni of U.S. exchange programs. They know us and want to work with us - 87% to 98% of alumni spread positive messages about their experience in the U.S. through their networks.

### + Strategic Regional Influence

- Strategically engaging with and countering China via exchanges with Chinese students, professionals, and diplomats.
- Creating a united and economically prosperous Western Hemisphere via exchanges with Canada, Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean.
- Growing U.S. influence in South America via exchanges with Peru, Brazil, Argentina, and more.

= A Safer America

## Exchange programs make America **STRONGER**.

### Opportunities for Americans

- Every year, **15,000 Americans participate in Department of State exchanges**, and **280,000 Americans study abroad**.
- 31 million job openings** require skills in communication, leadership, and problem-solving – all skills gained through exchange experiences.

### + Benefits for Americans

- Communities celebrate exchanges. **Four out of five Americans feel international exchange programs enhance the image of their community as a good place to live.**
- Tens of thousands of American businesses, schools, and families host and benefit from exchange participants every year.

= A Stronger America

## Exchange programs make America **MORE PROSPEROUS**.

### More Money in American Pockets

- International students contributed **\$43.8 billion to the U.S. economy** and supported nearly **400,000 American jobs** in 2023-24.
- BridgeUSA exchange participants traveling to the U.S. contributed at least **\$811.2 million to the U.S. economy** and paid **\$277 million in federal taxes to the U.S.** in 2023.

### + Domestic and International Investment

- 90%** of the Department of State exchange program budget is spent on **Americans or in America**.
- 100 partner governments contribute over **\$100 million** annually to the Fulbright Program.
- The International Visitor Leadership Program **turned \$7.1 million in federal funding into \$81.7 million in 2023**.

= A More Prosperous America

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