



ENERGY FUTURES INITIATIVE



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Analyst

Ben Bajema is an Analyst at the Energy Futures Initiative (EFI), where he leverages his background in international relations, economics, and energy policy to support EFI's hydrogen and global gas initiatives.

Prior to joining EFI, Bajema supported the Economic Division of the Embassy of Japan in Washington D.C. by managing agriculture, transportation, and energy policy portfolios to advance Japan's climate ambitions and align US-Japan foreign policy. Some of his former projects include researching barriers to growth in the global LNG market and conducting risk analysis of critical mineral supply chains for use in long duration storage and EV batteries. Through his interest in critical minerals, Bajema pursued research on neodymium magnet supply chains to identify risk to the clean energy industry and transportation sector as well as areas of potential collaboration between the US and Japan.

Bajema is thrilled to join the EFI research team in solving the most pressing issues surrounding the climate crisis by conducting research on evidence-based solutions for the clean energy transition.

SUMMARY

- Energy professional at the intersection of international relations, economics, and policy
- Former Diplomatic Assistant with Economic Division at the Embassy of Japan in Washington, D.C.

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