

One Hundred Seventeenth Congress Committee on Homeland Security U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Jake Sullivan National Security Advisor The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

As you are undoubtedly aware, our nation's Information and Communications Technology (ICT) supply chain has been relentlessly and strategically targeted by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) as part of a systematic, multi-decade attempt to erode America's global dominance. We remain extraordinarily concerned about the CCP's blatant efforts to weaponize their private sector for intelligence and military purposes, exploit the data of American people and businesses, and manipulate global markets for critical and emerging technologies, all while being less than forthcoming on the international stage.

While several members of the incoming Cabinet and leadership team have nominally addressed some of these issues during confirmation hearings, press briefings, and official statements – we remain troubled that you have not yet provided definitive clarity on how the administration plans on continuing the productive measures from the last four years to protect our homeland from this far-reaching CCP threat. Just days ago, the nominee for Secretary of the Department of Commerce, Governor Gina Raimondo, refused to confirm whether Huawei will remain on the Department of Commerce's Entity List.

It is imperative that we prevent an authoritarian, communist regime that is actively engaged in genocide and does not share America's interests from infiltrating and exploiting our nation's communications and technology backbone. These connected systems, to include 5G networks, will increasingly underpin our way of life for the coming decades and must remain secure. This should not be a controversial proposition.

The House Committee on Homeland Security is committed to standing strong against the CCP's overreach. We will not be bashful when it comes to being honest with our constituents and the American people about the threat the CCP poses. We are hopeful for a productive partnership with you and the new administration. The stakes are simply too high for rhetoric and soundbites without action.

Please provide us with a briefing on your plan to counter the CCP's aggression at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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