

JOHN MOOLENAAR, MICHIGAN
CHAIRMAN
ROB WITTMAN, VIRGINIA
ANDY BARR, KENTUCKY
DAN NEWHOUSE, WASHINGTON
DARIN LAHOOD, ILLINOIS
NEAL DUNN, FLORIDA
DUSTY JOHNSON, SOUTH DAKOTA
ASHLEY HINSON, IOWA
CARLOS GIMENEZ, FLORIDA
GUS BILIRAKIS, FLORIDA
YOUNG KIM, CALIFORNIA
NATHANIEL MORAN, TEXAS
ZACH NUNN, IOWA



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHINA

RO KHANNA, CALIFORNIA
RANKING MEMBER
RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY, ILLINOIS
KATHY CASTOR, FLORIDA
ANDRÉ CARSON, INDIANA
SETH MOULTON, MASSACHUSETTS
HALEY STEVENS, MICHIGAN
RITCHIE TORRES, NEW YORK
SHONTEL BROWN, OHIO
GREG STANTON, ARIZONA
JILL TOKUDA, HAWAII
TOM SUOZZI, NEW YORK

June 30, 2026

Ted Leonsis
Chairman and CEO
Monumental Sports & Entertainment
616 H Street, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Leonsis,

The Pentagon recently designated Alibaba Group Holding Limited (Alibaba) as a Chinese military company due to Alibaba's support to China's military-civil fusion and its ties to China's state-owned assets commission and Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT).¹ China's military-civil fusion seeks to make the PLA the world's leading military, particularly through the implementation of "intelligentized warfare". Technology companies such as Alibaba play important roles in this computing-focused military advancement. This U.S. government designation is a recognition that Alibaba represents a danger to American security and the stability of the western Pacific.

In one example of how Alibaba supports China's military ambitions, its cloud and AI services enable China's BeiDou satellite system to provide position, navigation, and timing to the People's Liberation Army (PLA).² Alibaba Cloud partners with a key contractor of BeiDou, and Alibaba has obscured its ownership of that same key contractor.³ In turn, the PLA is using

¹ U.S. Dep't of Def., Entities Identified as Chinese Military Companies Operating in the United States in Accordance with Section 1260H (June 8, 2026), <https://media.defense.gov/2026/Jun/08/2003945537/-1/-1/1/ENTITIES-IDENTIFIED-AS-CHINESE-MILITARY-COMPANIES-OPERATING-IN-THE-UNITED-STATES-IN-ACCORDANCE-WITH-SECTION-1260H.PDF>; Sections 1260H(g)(2)(B)(i)(I) and 1260H(g)(3)(B)(i) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) *William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021*. 2021. Vol. Sections 1260H(g)(2)(B)(i)(I), 1260H(g)(3)(B)(i). <https://www.congress.gov/116/plaws/publ283/PLAW-116publ283.pdf>. The Section 1260H designation applies directly to Alibaba Group Holding Limited, a Cayman Islands entity which is the parent entity for Alibaba's network of corporate entities. Section 1260H(g)(2)(C) notes, *inter alia*, that entities owned greater than 50% by a Chinese military company are themselves defined as Chinese military companies.

² Sevastopulo, Demetri. "White House Memo Claims Alibaba Is Helping Chinese Military Target Us." *Financial Times*, November 14, 2025. <https://www.ft.com/content/30fb83a0-8cb9-4805-b5d2-19b5ef510043?syn-25a6b1a6=1>.

³ Liao, Yu-Jie, and Ryan Bacic. "Why Did DOD Label Alibaba as a Chinese Military Company? This Joint Venture Offers a Clue. Kharon." *Kharon*, June 16, 2026. <https://www.kharon.com/brief/alibaba-china-military-companies-1260-list-defense-department>.

JOHN MOOLENAAR, MICHIGAN
CHAIRMAN
ROB WITTMAN, VIRGINIA
ANDY BARR, KENTUCKY
DAN NEWHOUSE, WASHINGTON
DARIN LAHOOD, ILLINOIS
NEAL DUNN, FLORIDA
DUSTY JOHNSON, SOUTH DAKOTA
ASHLEY HINSON, IOWA
CARLOS GIMENEZ, FLORIDA
GUS BILIRAKIS, FLORIDA
YOUNG KIM, CALIFORNIA
NATHANIEL MORAN, TEXAS
ZACH NUNN, IOWA



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHINA

RO KHANNA, CALIFORNIA
RANKING MEMBER
RAJA KRISHNA MOORTHY, ILLINOIS
KATHY CASTOR, FLORIDA
ANDRÉ CARSON, INDIANA
SETH MOULTON, MASSACHUSETTS
HALEY STEVENS, MICHIGAN
RITCHIE TORRES, NEW YORK
SHONTEL BROWN, OHIO
GREG STANTON, ARIZONA
JILL TOKUDA, HAWAII
TOM SUOZZI, NEW YORK

BeiDou's PNT to prepare for war and will use it in any future war, including any projection of power against Taiwan.⁴ BeiDou's satellites will tell PLA systems and soldiers where they are and where to strike. Alibaba Cloud will help them do so.



Alibaba's logo at Capitol One Arena.

Monumental Sports & Entertainment (MSE) has an ongoing partnership with Alibaba, which MSE has touted in the past.⁵ As recently as this April, Alibaba was the lead sponsor for a Washington Wizards event for the MSE Foundation.⁶ MSE has recognized its agreement with Alibaba as a "groundbreaking sponsorship agreement" as a technology platform sponsor.⁷ MSE presented Alibaba as a leading "case study" for why businesses should partner with MSE.⁸ MSE

⁴ Pollpeter, Kevin. "To Be More Precise: Beidou, GPS, and the Emerging Competition in Satellite-Based PNT ." Air University, May 20, 2024. <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/CASI/Display/Article/3778910/to-be-more-precise-beidou-gps-and-the-emerging-competition-in-satellite-based-p/>.

⁵ "Monumental Sports & Entertainment Opens 2023-2024 Season with Nisum as Key Technology Development Partner - Monumental Sports." Monumental Sports, September 27, 2023. <https://monumentalsports.com/2023/09/monumental-sports-entertainment-opens-2023-2024-season-with-nisum-as-key-technology-development-partner/>.

⁶ "Wizards, Ballers, & Birdies." Monumental Foundation. <https://www.monumentalfoundation.org/2026-wizards-ballers-birdies>.

⁷ "Jim Van Stone." Monumental Sports. <https://monumentalsports.com/people/jim-van-stone-2/>.

⁸ Partnerships - Monumental Sports, June 19, 2023, <https://web.archive.org/web/20230619060406/https://monumentalsports.com/partnerships/>.

JOHN MOOLENAAR, MICHIGAN
CHAIRMAN
ROB WITTMAN, VIRGINIA
ANDY BARR, KENTUCKY
DAN NEWHOUSE, WASHINGTON
DARIN LAHOOD, ILLINOIS
NEAL DUNN, FLORIDA
DUSTY JOHNSON, SOUTH DAKOTA
ASHLEY HINSON, IOWA
CARLOS GIMENEZ, FLORIDA
GUS BILIRAKIS, FLORIDA
YOUNG KIM, CALIFORNIA
NATHANIEL MORAN, TEXAS
ZACH NUNN, IOWA



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHINA

RO KHANNA, CALIFORNIA
RANKING MEMBER
RAJA KRISHNA MOORTHY, ILLINOIS
KATHY CASTOR, FLORIDA
ANDRÉ CARSON, INDIANA
SETH MOULTON, MASSACHUSETTS
HALEY STEVENS, MICHIGAN
RITCHIE TORRES, NEW YORK
SHONTEL BROWN, OHIO
GREG STANTON, ARIZONA
JILL TOKUDA, HAWAII
TOM SUOZZI, NEW YORK

has implemented Alipay, part of Alibaba’s broader corporate network, throughout Capitol One Arena.⁹ Cloud and artificial intelligence (AI) services are a major part of Alibaba’s technology offerings, suggesting that, as a key technology partner with MSE, Alibaba may have provided cloud and AI services to MSE.¹⁰

I would appreciate your confirmation that MSE will discontinue or has already discontinued any ongoing business relationship with Alibaba and its affiliates.

I respectfully request the following information by July 15, 2026.

1. Any agreements by and between MSE or any of its affiliates and Alibaba Group Holding Limited or any of its affiliates.
2. Data sufficient to show MSE’s current relationship with Alibaba Group Holding Limited, Alipay.com Co Ltd, and any affiliates of either entity.

Thank you for your attention to this matter concerning national security.

Sincerely,

John Moolenaar
Chairman
House Select Committee on China

⁹ Igel, Lee. “Monumental Sports & Entertainment Creating a Gateway to China with Alipay at Capital One Arena.” *Forbes*, April 29, 2019. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/leeigel/2019/04/29/monumental-sports-entertainment-creating-a-gateway-to-china-with-alipay-at-capital-one-arena/>.

¹⁰ “Alibaba Group Announces March Quarter 2026 and Fiscal Year 2026 Results.” *Business Wire*, May 13, 2026. <https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20260512841182/en/Alibaba-Group-Announces-March-Quarter-2026-and-Fiscal-Year-2026-Results>.