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The Honorable Frank Bisignano
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Dear Secretary Bessent and Mr. Bisignano:

We are writing to express our concerns that the Chinese Communist Party (“CCP”) is waging an influence campaign to undermine the buildout of American artificial intelligence (“AI”) infrastructure. As AI continues to accelerate globally, it is imperative that the United States remain the premier destination to invest in and develop this technology. The race to deploy AI infrastructure carries serious economic and military consequences. Under no circumstances can we allow an adversary, and our most serious competitor in AI infrastructure, to weaponize our own tax code and harm an emerging American industry.

Throughout the 119th Congress, a bicameral group of committees, including the Committee on Ways and Means, the Select Committee on Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party (“the Select Committee”), and the Senate Intelligence Committee, have been focused on how CCP-linked influence operations are exploiting America’s tax-sector to sow discord and undermine our democracy.

On February 10, 2026, the Committee on Ways and Means held a hearing on foreign influence in America's tax-exempt sector.¹ Chairman Jason Smith simultaneously transmitted letters to The People's Forum, BreakThrough News, and Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research, organizations alleged to form part of a network of CCP-linked nonprofits funded by American tech mogul, Neville Roy Singham, demanding the production of documents and

¹ H. Comm. On Ways and Means, *Full Committee Hearing on Foreign Influence in American Non-profits: Unmasking Threats from Beijing and Beyond* (Feb. 10, 2026), <https://waysandmeans.house.gov/event/full-committee-hearing-on-foreign-influence-in-american-non-profits-unmasking-threats-from-beijing-and-beyond/>; Asra Q. Nomani, *Far-left nonprofits in the hot seat as lawmaker exposes them for 'sowing chaos' in US*, Fox News (Feb. 10, 2026), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/far-left-nonprofits-hot-seat-lawmaker-exposes-them-for-sowing-chaos-us>

raising serious questions about their tax-exempt status.² Then, on April 8, 2026, the Committee on Ways and Means and the Select Committee sent a joint letter to the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) requesting an investigation of tax-exempt organizations acting on behalf of the CCP to interfere in American elections and politics in violation of the Internal Revenue Code’s prohibition of political campaign intervention.³

The CCP consistently identifies political issues under public debate in our country and seeks to corrupt those debates. While the CCP wants to influence the outcome of these debates towards what it believes would weaken America relative to China, it also seeks to heighten divisions between Americans and to degrade our civic processes.⁴ These influence campaigns have targeted individuals, officials, and the American public, going back years.⁵ The Select Committee’s efforts against the CCP’s influence campaigns include most recently its June 25, 2026 hearing addressing China’s subnational influence and economic espionage and its investigation of the Heartland China Association’s ties to China’s United Front network.⁶ It is a natural extension of the CCP’s pattern for it to use its influence campaigns and networks to manipulate America’s deliberations on data centers and sow discord.

It is therefore unsurprising that recent reports have revealed evidence of attempted and successful Chinese interference in U.S. data center development discussions. OpenAI identified two clusters of ChatGPT accounts, often referred to as ‘botfarms,’ likely originating in China, which were banned for conducting covert influence operations targeting American AI policy

² Letters from Jason Smith, Chairman, H. Comm. on Ways and Means to counsel for The People's Forum, BreakThrough News, and Tricontinental (May 4, 2026), <https://waysandmeans.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/050426-Letters-to-The-Peoples-Forum-BreakThrough-News-Tricontinental.pdf>.

³ Letter from Jason Smith, Chairman, House Committee On Ways and Means and John Moolenaar, Chairman, House Select Committee on Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, to The Honorable Scott Bessent, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Treasury and The Honorable Frank Bisignano, Chief Executive Officer, Internal Revenue Service (April 8, 2026), <https://waysandmeans.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/4.8.26-IRS-Hometown-Association-Letter.pdf>.

⁴ Joshua Kurlantzick, *China's Growing Attempts to Influence U.S. Politics*, Council on Foreign Relations (Oct. 31, 2022), <https://www.cfr.org/articles/chinas-growing-attempts-influence-us-politics>; Sarah Cook & Yuichiro Kakutani, *United States: Beijing's Global Media Influence 2022*, Freedom House (2022), <https://freedomhouse.org/country/united-states/beijings-global-media-influence/2022>.

⁵ Katie Paul, *Meta Says Removes China-Based Propaganda Operation Targeting U.S. Midterms*, REUTERS (Sept. 27, 2022), <https://www.reuters.com/business/media-telecom/meta-says-removes-china-based-propaganda-operation-targeting-us-midterms-2022-09-27/>; Robert Schmad, *China's Influence Machine: Federal Records Expose Beijing's Push to Sway America*, Fox News (July 26, 2026), <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/chinas-influence-machine-federal-records-expose-beijings-push-sway-america>; Michael Forsythe, Jay Root & Bianca Pallaro, *Inside Our Investigation of China's Influence Campaigns*, NEW YORK TIMES (Aug. 25, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/08/25/insider/investigating-china.html>; Philip Lenczycki, *CCP-Tied Activists Desperately Trying to Keep Chinese Land Grabs Alive Near US Military Bases*, Daily Caller (Mar. 26, 2026), <https://dailycaller.com/2026/03/26/exclusive-ccp-tied-activists-protests-national-security-bills/>.

⁶ *China's Economic Espionage and Subnational Influence in the United States: Hearing Before the H. Select Comm. on Strategic Competition Between the U.S. & the Chinese Communist Party*, 119th Cong. (2026), <https://chinaselectcommittee.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/china-s-economic-espionage-and-subnational-influence-in-the-united-states>. Press Release, H. Select Comm. on Strategic Competition Between the U.S. & the Chinese Communist Party, *Select Committee Investigates Heartland China Association and Calls For It To Cut United Front Ties* (Apr. 20, 2026), <https://chinaselectcommittee.house.gov/media/letters/select-committee-investigates-heartland-china-association-and-calls-for-it-to-cut-united-front-ties>.

debates.⁷ The first smear campaign, which OpenAI titled the “Data Center Bandwagon,” generated social media comments and images claiming that data center construction was raising electricity prices.⁸ The second, dubbed the “Tech and Tariffs” campaign, generated comments and images criticizing United States tariffs as attempts to dominate technological competition.⁹ The prompts for these AI depictions even specified that the images “should not include China’s leader Xi Jinping,” focusing instead only on President Trump.¹⁰ Additionally, in August 2026, X announced that roughly 200 accounts from a suspected Chinese botfarm have been trying to influence Americans to oppose data centers.¹¹

A separate report from the Bitcoin Policy Institute (“BPI”) found that the Party for Socialism and Liberation (“PSL”) is responsible for 21 campaigns across 14 states that contributed to 10 data center moratoria, a permanent data center ban, and four rejected or scrapped data center projects.¹² PSL has been responsible for delaying, blocking, or scaling back nearly \$24 billion in proposed data center investments.¹³ These nefarious international actors are waging wars of influence through state media, nonprofit networks, and dark money groups.¹⁴

Behind the PSL sits the nonprofit network of the China-based and CCP-aligned Neville Roy Singham, who has moved \$278 million into American advocacy groups through shell companies and an anonymous donor-advised fund, exploiting the tax-exempt vehicles Congress created to encourage American charity.¹⁵ Unsurprisingly, the same individuals who run Singham’s nonprofits hold top leadership positions in the PSL. Eugene Puryear cofounded both BreakThrough News and the PSL; Karina Garica, the party’s 2024 vice-presidential candidate, serves as the director and the treasurer for the Justice and Education Fund; and Ben Becker serves as the editor-in-chief for BreakThrough News, while sitting on the PSL central committee.¹⁶ The same individuals in charge of Singham’s tax-exempt network are the ones directing the PSL, meaning subsidized charitable dollars are flowing into foreign-backed political influence in the homeland. Our tax code should not be used as a shield for foreign money waging a disinformation war on American AI infrastructure. This is yet another shocking

⁷ OpenAI, *PRC-linked influence operations are targeting AI debates in the US*, OpenAI Global Affairs (June 10, 2026), <https://openai.com/index/prc-linked-influence-operations-ai-debates/>

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ Josephine Walker, *China is secretly fueling America's data center rage*, AXIOS (Aug. 28, 2026), <https://www.axios.com/2026/08/28/china-ai-data-center-backlash-bots>.

¹² Sam Lyman, *Foreign Influence in the Campaign Against American AI*, Bitcoin Policy Institute (June 2026), https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/68f7cddcae0b61add08140fc/6a42aae83c58cadfbc309fb8_Foreign%20Influence%20Pt%20II.pdf.

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ *Id.*

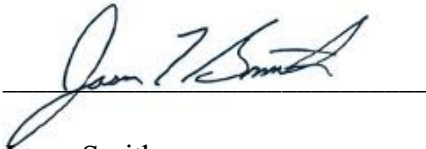
¹⁵ Lyman, *supra* note 10; Asra Q. Nomani, *Power Couple of Chaos: How a tycoon and activist built a 'Revolutionary Base' at the House of Singham*, Fox News (March 23, 2026), <https://www.foxnews.com/us/power-couple-chaos-how-tycoon-activist-built-revolutionary-base-house-singham>.

¹⁶ Lyman, *supra* note 10.

and dangerous example of how malign foreign actors are funneling dollars into the United States to further CCP interests.¹⁷

How our country chooses to develop computing infrastructure is a key issue and a matter of robust discussion in America's communities, townhalls, statehouses, and Washington, D.C. The American people deserve to know which actors adversarial to the United States are trying to undermine these decision-making processes and influence the course of infrastructure development by bankrolling policy campaigns and disinformation. Accordingly, we call on the Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service to investigate whether the tax-exempt organizations supporting this network have violated the requirements of their exempt status, including whether entities organized under section 501(c)(3) have operated for the private or political benefit of foreign-aligned interests, rather than for genuine charitable purposes and whether donor-advised funds and intermediary entities have been used to launder the origin of foreign-directed money into American advocacy.

Sincerely,



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Chairman
House Select Committee on the CCP

¹⁷ Press Release, H. Comm. on Ways and Means, Chairman Smith: Trump Administration Investigation into Shanghai Singham Network Aligns with Committee Oversight of U.S. Nonprofit Sector, <https://waysandmeans.house.gov/2026/06/30/chairman-smith-trump-administration-investigation-into-shanghai-singham-network-aligns-with-committee-oversight-of-u-s-nonprofit-sector/>