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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
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Dear Mr. President,

As we approach the tenth anniversary of your first electoral victory, please accept my sincere thanks for your leadership of a decade of profoundly overdue changes to the United States' policy towards the People's Republic of China (PRC). While the PRC remains our country's foremost foreign adversary and greatest external threat, across successive administrations our country has begun approaching this challenge from the perspective of American national interests, rather than the perspectives of Wall Street, Davos, or Brussels. This change is essential to ensure that our great country endures for the next 250 years and beyond. As you approach your next summit with General Secretary Xi of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), I write to ask you to consider the following recommendations to continue this vital policy shift that benefits the American people.

First and foremost, your administration deserves the highest commendation for its forceful response to PRC industrial overcapacity and the resulting flood of predatory exports that suffocate industry outside of China and preposition national security vulnerabilities throughout our country. In particular, your recent actions to close our market to adversary-produced IT equipment, power equipment, and robotics are strong national security victories. I urge your administration to implement further import control measures, especially in connected technologies such as Internet-of-Things, and LCD and OLED smart displays. I stand ready to assist any such efforts by working to provide any additional authorities that may be necessary and codifying such achievements to ensure that they endure and facilitate lasting investment in alternative supply chains.

Your upcoming summit with General Secretary Xi will also be an important opportunity to reassert and vigorously defend critical American interests, both bilaterally in meetings with the PRC and through your administration's actions following the summit. I urge you to emphasize the following national security priorities in this process:

- The United States should make it crystal clear to the CCP that providing lethal support and enabling our adversaries to attack U.S. armed forces, including military targeting

support, is tantamount to an act of war against the United States and will be met with the most severe consequences. Recent public reports that Chinese entities provided targeting for Iranian strikes that killed American warfighters mark a dramatic unilateral escalation. The United States does not help third parties kill Chinese soldiers, and we should expect the CCP to continue this murderous treachery unless consequences are imposed.

- Similarly, the United States should demand the CCP end its hostage diplomacy, which has been escalating for years and has become a consistent trend during your second term. Your personal efforts on behalf of those unjustly detained by the CCP have yielded tremendous results. As you continue this advocacy in your engagements with Xi, I encourage you to make it clear that the United States will not be deterred or distracted from advancing any other national priorities simultaneously. I also recommend that the State Department continue updating its Travel Advisory for the PRC to Level 3 across the entire country, to appropriately convey the growing danger Americans face from wrongful detention by the CCP.
- The United States should prevent the PRC's state-subsidized car companies from evading the guardrails your administration has established by setting up onshore assembly lines. Your recent comments reiterating your efforts to ward off an "avalanche of Chinese cars" were appropriately tough and clear-eyed, and I agree with your analysis that market access for subsidized Chinese automakers is destroying Europe's auto industry. Across sectors, the PRC government seeks to use inbound investment into the United States as a means to maintain one-sided market access, frustrate U.S. efforts to stymie PRC overcapacity, weaken our homeland security, and suppress American reindustrialization. American states, cities, and towns understand this well, which is why PRC investments have been blocked by many localities, including in my district in Michigan. Any such projects should be subject to the highest scrutiny, and their negotiating value should be heavily discounted given the PRC's longstanding refusal to honor its agreements.
- China's attempts to interfere with your administration's management of American arms exports and related security cooperation with allies and partners should be rejected out of hand. The CCP understands that its unprecedented buildup of nuclear and conventional forces and its escalating hostility towards its neighbors are the true causes of regional instability—not the longstanding practice of U.S. arms sales, or our decades-long allies including Japan and the Philippines hardening their defenses against CCP aggression. I commend the record-setting sales of American capabilities to Taiwan during both of your terms, and stand ready to support your continued efforts to deter the CCP from fomenting a military catastrophe that would devastate the global economy.
- As you have argued: it is imperative that the United States win the AI race against China. To that end, we should redouble our efforts to prevent PRC access to the crown jewels of American AI technology—especially given the increased offensive capabilities the latest frontier models have displayed in recent weeks. Recent reports and your administration's public warnings that Chinese AI labs are illicitly distilling American models – and, in some cases, simply rerouting requests to American products – contrasted with the CCP's

refusal to buy American AI chips give us critical insight into the CCP's plans. The PRC government is refusing to allow Chinese AI labs to legally purchase American technology that they desperately need, while allowing them to pursue illicit access to those same resources. The message is clear: The PRC is hell-bent on decoupling from the American AI stack. It will happily steal American technology to ease the pain of ending long-term dependency on U.S. innovation, but the PRC is not a long-term market opportunity for American AI. The correct response is to slow down PRC AI development as much as possible by strengthening controls on advanced AI products, cutting off cloud services loopholes that allow PRC companies to easily dodge these restrictions, and most importantly, stopping exports of American and allied semiconductor manufacturing technology that the PRC needs for its plan to work.

- Your administration's departments and agencies should ensure that they are implementing the results of your discussions with Xi precisely and avoid giving the PRC anything for free. The high stakes of U.S.-China bilateral engagement seem to have created uncertainty in some corners of the administration about how to sequence and implement U.S. authorities that relate to the PRC. The lack of even routine Entity List designations by the Commerce Department to stay current with clear cases of export control evasion appears to be a potential example of this challenge. I encourage you to ensure that no one in your administration is granting the PRC any concession or pause in policy action that could contribute to the PRC's attempts to catch up to the U.S. and overtake our lead in AI.
- Following the summit, Congress and the administration should work together to swiftly implement pending national security actions to address PRC threats that will persist even if your summit concludes successfully. I look forward seeing regulations implementing the Comprehensive Outbound Investment National Security (COINS) Act and BIOSECURE Act this year. I am also optimistic that the administration will take further action to implement your Executive Order 13873, and counter the efforts of PRC entities to purchase semiconductor manufacturing equipment, illicitly access semiconductor foundries, and evade American export controls.
- Lastly, as intelligence that your administration declassified this summer shows, the CCP wages political warfare to divide Americans, influence our elections, and undermine our strength as a nation. I trust that you will weigh this malign behavior against the trustworthiness of any agreement the CCP makes, and I encourage you to make clear in both word and deed to Xi that such interference is incompatible with strategic stability between our nations.

As we know all too well, the CCP does not honor its commitments, and deals with the PRC are only as good as our will to enforce them. We should expect the PRC to continue acting as an increasingly hardened adversary. Leveraging your upcoming summit to establish clear consequences for malign actions, continue your efforts to shield American industry from PRC overcapacity, and strengthen our implementation of national security authorities would be a valuable continuation of the historic policy shift you have led in U.S.-China relations.

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I look forward to helping your administration continue that essential work, and stand ready to support those efforts here in Congress.

Sincerely,



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