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U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

cc:

Chairman John Moolenaar
Ranking Member Raja Krishnamoorthi
Select Committee on the CCP

December 17, 2024

Re: The Importance of the Select Committee on Strategic Competition with the CCP in Addressing Human Rights and National Security

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries:

We, the 63 undersigned human rights organizations and affected communities dedicated to addressing the repressive policies perpetrated by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), write to emphasize the critical importance of the Select Committee on Strategic Competition with the CCP and to advocate for its reestablishment as the 119th Congress prepares to convene. The Select Committee's unique structure, focused mission, and demonstrated successes make it indispensable for defending human rights, national security, and democratic values.

The Select Committee's bipartisan efforts have brought critical attention to the CCP's widespread human rights abuses, including genocide¹; forced labor; severe restrictions on freedom of religion,² belief, speech,³ and movement; violations of bodily autonomy and privacy; and transnational repression of diasporic communities⁴ in the United States. The Committee's pinpoint focus on holding the Chinese government accountable has set a global standard for addressing these atrocities and remains vital to bridging policy gaps, fostering collaboration across party lines, and defending human rights while reinforcing national security and democratic principles.

¹ Hearing, Select Committee on the CCP, "The Chinese Communist Party's Ongoing Uyghur Genocide," March 23, 2023, from <https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-notice-chinese-communist-partys-ongoing-uyghur-genocide>.

² Media Statement, Select Committee on the CCP, "Gallagher, Krishnamoorthi Express Support for Tibet in the Face of CCP Repression," October 18, 2023, from <https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/media/internal-events/gallagher-krishnamoorthi-express-support-tibet-face-ccp-repression>.

³ Press Release, Select Committee on the CCP, "Media package: Select Committee on the CCP roundtable on the future of Hong Kong and U.S. policy going forward," May 23, 2024, from <https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/media/press-releases/media-package-select-committee-ccp-roundtable-future-hong-kong-us-policy-going>.

⁴ Hearing, Select Committee on the CCP, "CCP Transnational Repression: The Party's Effort to Silence and Coerce Critics Overseas," December 13, 2023, from <https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/12.13.23-hearing-transcript.pdf>.

The Select Committee's mandate is unique in its exclusive focus on combating the CCP's maleficence combined with its valuable, comprehensive approach. This allows it to access a full range of policy levers needed to counter the CCP's human rights abuses. Issues such as PRC interference in free speech, the spread of disinformation,⁵ CCP repression on U.S. soil, use of forced labor in energy⁶ and pharmaceutical⁷ supply chains, and protecting American genetic⁸ and mobile data⁹ from the same exploitation CCP-targeted groups face, requires cross-jurisdictional collaboration that a dedicated body like the Select Committee can provide. Hearings and public awareness about the CCP's oppression towards Tibetans,¹⁰ Uyghurs¹¹, Hong Kongers¹², Falun Gong practitioners¹³ as well as the CCP's cultural and religious persecution¹⁴, transnational repression, the spread of disinformation, and threats to Taiwan's sovereignty,¹⁵ underscore its ability to prioritize and elevate critical issues that might otherwise fall through jurisdictional cracks and limited bandwidth.

Its in-depth, actionable, and consistent reports have enabled action at critical junctures, and through investigations, hearings, and public advocacy, it has demanded accountability from CEOs and Venture Capitalists linked to fueling the PRC's forced labor system,¹⁶ military,¹⁷ and Orwellian surveillance states in Tibet and the Uyghur region.¹⁸ These actions have led to tangible

⁵ Hearing, Select Committee on the CCP, "Discourse Power: The CCP's Strategy to Shape the Global Information Space," November 30, 2023, from

<https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/11.30.23-hearing-transcript.pdf>.

⁶Letter, Select Committee on the CCP, "Letters to the Department of Homeland Security revealing new evidence implicating Chinese companies in forced labor practices," June 6, 2024, from

<https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/media/letters/letters-department-homeland-security-revealing-new-evidence-implicating-chinese>.

⁷Press Release, Select Committee on the CCP, "Moolenaar, lawmakers uncover evidence of U.S. pharmaceutical companies working with Chinese firms tied to forced labor," August 20, 2024, from

<https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/media/press-releases/moolenaar-lawmakers-uncover-evidence-us-pharmaceutical-companies-working>.

⁸Bill, Select Committee on the CCP, "Biosecure Act," May 10, 2024, from

<https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/media/bills/biosecure-act>.

⁹ Bill, U.S. House of Representatives, "H.R. 7521 - Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act," March 5, 2024, from <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/7521>.

¹⁰ Media Statement, Select Committee on the CCP, "Gallagher, Krishnamoorthi Express Support for Tibet in the Face of CCP Repression," October 18, 2023, from

<https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/media/internal-events/gallagher-krishnamoorthi-express-support-tibet-face-ccp-repression>.

¹¹Hearing, Select Committee on the CCP, "The Chinese Communist Party's Ongoing Uyghur Genocide," March 23, 2023, from <https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-notice-chinese-communist-partys-ongoing-uyghur-genocide>.

¹² Member Roundtable, Select Committee on the CCP, "The Future of Hong Kong: U.S. Policy Going Forward," May 23, 2024, from <https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/about/events/member-roundtable-future-hong-kong-us-policy-going-forward>.

¹³ Press Release, Select Committee on the CCP, "Krishnamoorthi and Stevens issue statement on the 25th anniversary of the CCP's persecution of Falun Gong," July 20, 2024, from

<https://democrats-selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/media/press-releases/krishnamoorthi-stevens-issue-statement-25th-anniversary-ccps-persecution-falun>.

¹⁴ Roundtable, Select Committee on the CCP, "ICYMI: Gallagher Welcomes Victims of CCP Religious Persecution and Prominent American Religious Leaders," July 12, 2023, from

<https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/media/internal-events/icymi-gallagher-welcomes-victims-ccp-religious-persecution-and-prominent>.

¹⁵ Report, Select Committee on the CCP, "Ten for Taiwan: Policy Recommendations to Preserve Peace and Stability in the Taiwan Strait," May 24, 2023, from

<https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/media/policy-recommendations/ten-taiwan-policy-recommendations-preserve-peace-and-stability-taiwan>.

¹⁶Letter, Select Committee on the CCP, "Letter to MSCI on minimizing evidence of VW's Uyghur forced labor," June 3, 2024, from <https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/media/letters/letter-msci-minimizing-evidence-vws-uyghur-forced-labor>.

¹⁷ Report, Select Committee on the CCP, "Investigative Report: How American Financial Institutions Provide Billions of Dollars to PRC Companies Committing Human Rights Abuses and Fueling the PRC's Military," April 18, 2024, from

<https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/media/investigations/american-financial-institutions-funneled-billions-prc-companies-fueling-ccps>.

¹⁸Press Release, Select Committee on the CCP, "Committee report: American VC firms investing billions in PRC companies fueling military and surveillance state," February 8, 2024, from

<https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/media/press-releases/committee-report-american-vc-firms-investing-billions-prc-companies-fueling>.

shifts in corporate behavior, with companies reevaluating their relationships with the Chinese government.¹⁹ The Committee’s expertise, evidence-based positions, and sharp focus allow it to prioritize and shape future policy to protect human rights and national security.

We understand concerns about the potential for fear and domestic polarization that can arise from efforts to uncover the Chinese Government’s malign activities and global threats. Reestablishing the Select Committee in no way diminishes the inarguable need to combat racial discrimination and foster inclusivity. Members of the Select Committee, both Republicans and Democrats, have repeatedly emphasized that addressing the CCP’s violations must not serve as a pretext for discrimination against Chinese or Asian communities in the United States.²⁰ To further this commitment, we recommend convening additional hearings with affected communities, civil rights organizations, and a broad range of stakeholders to ensure that policy discussions and public awareness efforts remain nuanced, inclusive, and free from prejudice.

In sum, reestablishing the Select Committee will provide an essential bipartisan venue for ensuring the United States remains vigilant in decisively addressing the evolving challenges created by the CCP’s anti-democratic, anti-human-rights actions. We urge you to support the Select Committee’s continuation in the 119th Congress in order to provide a platform for future action on the threats facing Hong Kong, Taiwan, Tibet, East Turkistan, Southern Mongolia, and beyond. Failure to reestablish the Select Committee would risk losing a critical mechanism for confronting the CCP’s threats to human rights, national security and democracy—challenges that require resolute and united action.

Sincerely yours,

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Campaign for Uyghurs

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Chinese Citizens Movement Alliance (中国公民运动联盟)

Hui Human Rights Watch, HHRW (回族人权观察)

Los Angeles Chinese Democracy Platform, LACD (洛杉矶中国民主平台)

Athenai Institute

Center for Uyghur Studies

China Against the Death Penalty

China Aid Association

China Change

¹⁹Press Release, Select Committee on the CCP, “Following Select Committee letter, Volkswagen closes factory in Xinjiang,” December 2, 2024, from

<https://democrats-selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/media/press-releases/following-select-committee-letter-volkswagen-closes-factory-xinjiang>

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²⁰Hearing, Select Committee on the CCP, “The Chinese Communist Party’s Threat to America,” February 28, 2023, from <https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2.28.2023-hearing-transcript.pdf>.

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China Rights in Action
Chinese Political Science Association
Christian Coalition for Uyghurs
Citizen Power Initiatives for China
Coalition of Students Resisting the CCP
Committee for Freedom in Hong Kong Foundation
Dialogue China
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Farra & Wang PLLC
Formosan Association of Public Affairs
Free the Slaves
Freedom House
Friends of Falun Gong
Hello Taiwan
Hong Kong Democracy Council
Hong Kong Watch
Hope Umbrella International Foundation
Human Rights Foundation
Human Rights in China
Human Rights Law Foundation
Humanitarian China
Information For Chinese Immigrants
Institute for China's Democratic Transition
International Campaign for Tibet
International Coalition to End Transplant Abuse in China (ETAC)
International Uyghur & Han Association
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Uyghur Human Rights Project (UHRP)
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Uyghur Times
Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation
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World Liberty Congress
World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong
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