

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, D.C.**

January 27, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
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Dear President Biden,

We commend your administration's commitment to strengthening our alliances around the world and engaging with our partners on critical issues affecting our national security. It is an established fact that China is the greatest geopolitical, economic, and military threat to the United States and our allies in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This threat is clearly exemplified by the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) effort to lead the world in emerging technologies like 5G communications and artificial intelligence (AI). As we continue our engagement with our allies, we must prioritize confronting the threat posed by China's advancements and efforts in emerging technologies.

These technologies, whether it be 5G communications or AI, will have profound consequences on geopolitics, military capabilities, and economic competitiveness. The CCP and President Xi Jinping recognize this, as they use Chinese 5G technology as a diplomatic tool and have stated the desire to make China the global leader in AI by 2030. It is imperative the United States continues to invest and prioritize our own capabilities and leadership in emerging technologies to counter China's vision for tech authoritarianism and protect our own economic and national security interests.

With this in mind, we urge your administration to engage with our allies in existing multilateral institutions, as well as create new organizations consisting of like-minded, democratic allies to foster cooperation on emerging technologies. This effort would consist of the following actions:

- Prioritizing the issue of Chinese technologies with our allies at existing international summits like the G-7, and within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), as well as creating and hosting new international groups dedicated to democratic cooperation on technology
- Expanding these groups and summits to additional like-minded, democratic allies
- Promoting the development of an allied network to encourage cooperation among tech companies in allied states to scale emerging technology advancements
- Assisting allies in establishing their own bodies like the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to review foreign transactions and prevent the inadvertent transfer of allied technologies
- Coordinating with our allies and like-minded states to advance fair and ethical technology standards at international standards-setting bodies

There is already significant support for these actions, not only among the technology and foreign policy communities, but also with our allies. Recently, U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson invited South Korea, India, and Australia to the 2021 G-7 Conference—which he has proposed expanding into a new, permanent multilateral body of democratic states. As you well know, our allied network around the world is one of the United States' greatest strengths. New structures for cooperation on emerging technologies will not just strengthen our allied partnerships but will also allow for scaled technology development and a strong framework to challenge the CCP's efforts towards global technology leadership.

Congress has recently made significant efforts towards strengthening our research and development efforts and deployment of emerging technologies, particularly in the FY21 National Defense Authorization Act and the FY21 appropriations bills. However, there is much work to be done, and we look forward to continuing these efforts in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress and with your administration. As we redouble our efforts at home, we must complement those efforts with ambitious and continued cooperation with our allies.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to cooperating on this critical issue.

Sincerely,



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