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Committee on Homeland Security
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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

The Honorable Gina Raimondo
Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Mayorkas and Secretary Raimondo,

As you are aware, the security of our nation's information and communications technology (ICT) supply chain is critical to nearly every aspect of our lives. Over the past several years, we have seen an alarming increase in threats to our ICT supply chain from the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). They have been engaged in a multi-decade effort to lie, cheat, and steal their way to global dominance, in part by compromising our ICT backbone. While we were pleased to see some of the early comments from the Biden administration, our committee remains concerned about how your respective departments plan to address new and emerging Chinese companies seeking to fill the Huawei void. We simply cannot allow more nefarious Chinese ICT products to enter U.S. markets.

Specifically, we are alarmed at the rise of Chinese technology company Xiaomi, which has recently launched several new high-end smartphones aiming to fill the consumer-facing void left by Huawei. We share grave concerns that Xiaomi poses a significant threat to the privacy of any of its users through its lineup of smartphones, laptops, smart watches, and other consumer-facing products. In many ways, data has become *the* modern-day currency of homeland security and we must take threats to the data integrity of the free world seriously.

Our committee is concerned that the federal government currently lacks the ability to quickly comprehend and address security concerns from Chinese companies that are seeking to proliferate throughout the global economy. As we wrote to National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan in February, "It is imperative that we prevent an authoritarian, communist regime that is actively

engaged in genocide and does not share America's interests from infiltrating and exploiting our nation's communications and technology backbone. These connected systems, to include 5G networks, will increasingly underpin our way of life for the coming decades and must remain secure. This should not be a controversial proposition."

Please provide our committee with an update on the steps your respective departments are taking to ensure the security of the nation's ICT supply chain, and what authorities and levers you plan to exercise in response to the threat of emergent market players like Xiaomi.

Relatedly, please provide any relevant information, including plans for exclusionary actions related to Xiaomi and its subsidiaries by May 14, 2021.

Sincerely,



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