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# The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) poses a comprehensive threat to U.S. national security.

The path to American success lies in our own economic prosperity, secure supply chains, energy independence, and military deterrence to neutralize this threat while avoiding war. As a guiding principle, America First policy begins with reciprocity—the CCP and anyone tied to it should have no access to any institution or opportunity in America beyond that which we have access to in China.

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# Eliminate CCP Access to U.S. Agricultural Land

According to U.S. Department of Agriculture reports, Chinese investors' holdings of U.S. agricultural land surged from 13,720 acres in 2010 to 352,140 acres in 2020—a stunning 5,300% increase. China has also attempted to acquire agricultural properties that would function as bases for intelligence collection and espionage near our military facilities. We must prevent the CCP and its subsidiaries from controlling U.S. agricultural land.

#### Ban TikTok from All Devices and App Stores Nationwide

TikTok, a subsidiary of Beijing-based ByteDance, Ltd., is a CCP-controlled App that serves as an ingenious data-harvesting weapon. In the disguise of a social media platform, it has become a dominant force in American youth culture. An effective solution must involve a blanket ban on the app or a forced sale of all ownership to an American company.

# Block CCP Intellectual Property Theft from American University Campuses and Research Institutions

CCP partnerships with universities, and their recruitment of individual researchers through their talent programs, create an environment of "nontraditional collectors" of intelligence and intellectual property (IP). Schools should require students and faculty to disclose and terminate their participation in programs designed to steal IP, including the Thousand Talents Program.

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#### Ban Confucius Institutes, Chinese Student and Scholars Associations, and Equivalent Institutions from U.S. College Campuses

China uses student organizations to take advantage of "woke" trends and uses accusations of "racism" and "intolerance" to de-platform anti-CCP speakers on university campuses while spying on Chinese dissidents within the student population. Because the CCP has used different names and configurations for their operations to avoid scrutiny successfully, Confucius Institutes, Chinese Student and Scholar Associations, and all similar groups must be banned so they cannot play these shell games in the future.

## Strengthen Screening of Foreign Direct Investment from China

"Strategic decoupling," or the disentangling of critical supply chains that bind the U.S. and Chinese economies, must be a top national security priority. The purview of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S. must be expanded to consider strategic economic consequences as well as traditional national security concerns when evaluating risks posed by a prospective foreign investor.

## 6 Implement Screening of Outbound Investment to China

U.S. outbound investment in China strengthens the CCP economically and militarily, and screening mechanisms are needed to protect American interests.

Secure High-Tech Supply Chains By
Decoupling China From the Production,
Assembly, and Export of Semiconductors to
U.S. Markets

Semiconductors are essential to Americans' daily lives and are found in smartphones, automobiles, refrigerators, and

other products. Ninety percent of the world's most advanced microchips are produced in Taiwan, which Beijing has promised to occupy in the near future through peaceful or non-peaceful means. Chip production and assembly capabilities must be onshored, friend-shored, or near-shored to protect our supply chains.

# Impose Penalties on China for Transporting Fentanyl Precursors to Mexico

The U.S. is experiencing a critical public health crisis caused by fentanyl, an extraordinarily potent synthetic opioid that resulted in more than 106,000 fatal overdoses in 2021. Fentanyl trafficked in the U.S. frequently originates in China. We must limit the supply of fentanyl precursors from China to Mexico through tariffs and sanctions.

#### End the Political Isolation of the Taiwanese People

Taiwan is the only democracy with no formal U.S. diplomatic relations. We should encourage diplomatic, cultural, and economic ties with Taiwan and educate the American public about the importance of supporting Taiwan as a small and successful ethnic Chinese democracy under threat from its giant Communist neighbor.

#### Provide Taiwan with the Military Support Needed to Sustain its Independence

The U.S. must honor its stated commitments to fortify Taiwan's self-defense and remove restrictions that prevent it from acquiring the military equipment and training it deems necessary to defend itself from CCP aggression.