

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Wilbur Ross
Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
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Dear Secretary Ross,

Under your leadership, the Department of Commerce has become the “pointy end of the spear” in the United States’ comprehensive efforts to put America First and defend her people against the predations of the Communist Party of China. With that in mind, we would like to bring to your attention to unfinished work in terms of denying Chinese military-linked high performance computing tools access to America’s leading-edge technology.

We were pleased when you added several Chinese supercomputer companies to the Entity List in June of 2019. For example, China’s Sugon, in addition to being the largest manufacturer of supercomputers in Asia, was also a key enabler of China’s hypersonic glide vehicle testing program and it played a key role in helping the Chinese military do nuclear weapons simulation testing.

And while the Administration has added several other firms to the Department’s Entity List, there are other targets that remain. For example, Sunway microprocessors are primarily used in military applications, including weapons and equipment testing, encryption, battlefield simulation, command and control, air defense, and missile defense. They have won more than 35 first-class military scientific and technological progress awards since the 1980s and Chinese press suggests that Sunway supercomputing chips enable Chinese nuclear testing.

Or, there is China’s Phytium, whose largest shareholder is China Great Wall Technology Group, owned by State-owned China Electronics Corporation, which is on the list of PLA-linked companies issued by the Department of Defense. Likewise, the National Supercomputing Center Jinan hosts Confidentiality and Security Laboratory focused on “information security needs of national security, public security, confidential industry, and other industries, focusing on cryptography and network attack and defense.” We believe additional scrutiny is merited on these companies as well as the Shanghai High Performance IC Design Center, and the National Supercomputing Center in Shenzhen.

We ask you to evaluate the Chinese Communist Party’s high performance computer firms within the Export Review Committee. If any Chinese company involved in its high-performance computing, especially where there’s a direct relationship to the Chinese military, and especially it’s nuclear weapons program, we urge you to immediately move to add it to the entity list.

We appreciate your attention to this issue and look forward to your response. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions.

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