

HOLD COMMUNIST CHINA FULLY ACCOUNTABLE FOR CHRONIC UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES, STEALING AMERICAN TECHNOLOGIES, AND POLLUTING OUR PLANET'S AIR AND OCEANS

The People's Republic of China (PRC) and its ruling Chinese Communist Party (CCP) represent the premier national security threat to the United States. China's concerning activities include chronic unfair trade practices, stealing American technologies, aggression against its neighbors, abuse of the environment, and an accelerating nuclear weapons program. Additionally, China has displayed a complete lack of transparency about the origins of COVID-19. We must hold China fully accountable for its actions.

Before new tariffs were implemented in 2018, China's intellectual property theft cost the U.S. an estimated \$225 billion to \$600 billion per year, and our trade deficit with China reached \$418 billion. Both of these contributed to a hollowing out of America's manufacturing base, which resulted in 3.7 million American jobs lost between 2001 and 2018.

China is also a consistent aggressor against the free and democratic island of Taiwan. The PRC subjects Taiwan, which is also home to 90% of the world's advanced computer chip production, to political, media, and psychological warfare and has openly stated that it is willing to conquer Taiwan with military force if necessary. We must provide Taiwan with the latest military equipment and training so its people can defend themselves.

The CCP is the world's leading polluter, contrary to the establishment narrative that wants to blame America first. A 2017 study showed that 90% of the single-use plastic that pollutes the world's oceans comes from 10 rivers, six of which are in China, with one billion tons of plastic waste costing the fishing, maritime, and tourism industries billions of dollars that

year. The PRC must be exposed for its disproportionate responsibility for ocean pollution, which poisons populations worldwide.

China is also on track to become a top-tier nuclear power. A 2021 DOD report claimed that China may have "up to 700 deliverable nuclear warheads by 2027" and "likely intends to have at least 1,000 warheads by 2030." On the other hand, the U.S. has an aging and increasingly obsolete nuclear arsenal with no apparent plans to build new weapons.

Finally, the CCP has not been transparent about how COVID-19 spread to the rest of the world, destroying global supply chains, depleting American wealth, and killing nearly one million Americans. Our government must do more to investigate origins of the virus to prevent a pandemic like this from happening again.

THE FACTS

- ★ The PRC has the largest army and largest naval fleet in the world.
- ★ Beijing's official policy is to "reunify" with Taiwan including via military invasion if necessary.
- ★ The PRC is rapidly growing its nuclear warhead stockpile.
- ★ The CCP's systematic intellectual property theft has cost the U.S. hundreds of billions of dollars.
- ★ COVID-19 originated in Wuhan, China, and has killed nearly one million Americans, crippled our economy, and damaged our supply chains.
- ★ China releases up to one billion tons of plastic waste into the ocean annually.

THE AMERICA FIRST AGENDA

At the federal level, support policies that:

- ★ Maintain a defense budget large enough to sustain a robust deterrent in the Western Pacific, including naval, air, space, and cyber domains.
- ★ Vigorously support and equip our regional allies and partners with advanced military capabilities to counter China's rise in East Asia.
- ★ End the political isolation of the Taiwanese people, and supply them with the military, diplomatic, and moral support needed to sustain them.
- ★ Strengthen and modernize our nuclear deterrent capabilities.
- ★ Prohibit intellectual property transfers to Chinese entities, enacting strict punishments for violators.
- ★ Ensure that the Phase One trade agreement with China is fully enforced, and maintain elevated tariffs on Chinese goods.
- ★ Launch a full and transparent investigation into COVID-19's origins in Wuhan, China.
- ★ Seek China's removal from leadership at the WHO.

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