

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Todd Blanche
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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Acting Attorney General Blanche,

We write to request an update on the Department of Justice's (DOJ) efforts to fulfill its obligations to report on companies affiliated with the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in the auto parts and glass manufacturing industries that may be engaging in unlawful employment practices. This is a pernicious problem plaguing U.S. industry and disadvantaging U.S. workers. We urge the Department to prioritize the publication of this report.

The Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026 (H.R. 6938), signed into law by President Trump on January 23, 2026, included language in House Report 119–272 directing the DOJ to prioritize the investigation and prosecution of illegal labor practices in the U.S. auto parts and glass manufacturing industries, particularly related to corporate entities affiliated with the CCP, as well as their affiliated entities. The report language states:

“Illegal Labor Practices.—The Committee is concerned about labor trafficking, forced labor, and unlawful employment practices involving smuggled or undocumented labor in the stream of commerce of the U.S. auto parts and glass manufacturing industries, particularly relating to corporate entities affiliated with the CCP, and their affiliated companies. The Committee encourages the Department to prioritize the investigation and prosecution of these CCP-affiliated companies engaged in such activities. The Department is directed to submit a report, no later than 120 days after the enactment of this Act, outlining investigative and prosecutorial steps taken against such entities implicated in forced labor supply chains, and a detailed breakdown of all related costs to carry out these efforts.”

The 120-day deadline established by Congress has now passed and no report has been delivered by the DOJ. The Department has not yet issued the required report, notwithstanding Congress's directive emphasizing the importance of this issue.

The stability and security of the U.S. auto supplier industrial base is critically important. It employs over 900,000 American workers and represents a critical segment of the domestic manufacturing workforce.¹ Yet, recent data indicate a troubling decline in employment in this sector.² As thousands of American workers in the auto manufacturing industry face job loss, companies with ties to the CCP, or affiliated entities of those companies, are expanding their presence in communities across the country. While these companies allege a commitment to domestic employment, credible reports of labor trafficking, forced labor, and unlawful employment practices raise serious concerns that their true intent is not to contribute to the American job market, but to exploit it. By suppressing wages and accepting subsidies from the Chinese government, these CCP-linked actors or their affiliates can force American and other companies that follow U.S. law and operate on market principles to shutter their doors and lay off their workforces.

In 2016, the arrival of Fuyao Glass in Ohio was heralded as a significant economic win, with promises of creating thousands of good-paying American manufacturing jobs in the auto glass industry. The company attracted millions in government investment based on these promises. Yet Fuyao's promise of good-paying jobs quickly fell apart: over the following years, the company engaged in [unlawful labor practices](#) and racked up millions of dollars in [federal health and safety citations](#) and [labor abuse complaints](#). The most shocking allegations of Fuyao's labor abuses surfaced in 2024, when federal agents raided its Ohio plant investigating allegations of financial crimes, money laundering, labor exploitation, and human smuggling violations.³ In their raid, law enforcement agents uncovered evidence of human trafficking, workers lacking employment authorization housed in unsafe and crowded company-run boarding houses, and financial crimes.⁴

In 2024, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) executed a separate search warrant at the headquarters of CCP-linked automobile parts manufacturer Qingdao Sunsong, located just blocks away from Fuyao Glass in Moraine, Ohio.⁵ Following the raid, a bipartisan group of Congressional leaders from both the House and the Senate expressed their profound concern about Sunsong's U.S. operations, highlighting evidence that the firm may be illegally transshipping products into the U.S. to evade customs duties and undermine American producers. The lawmakers cautioned U.S. auto part firms to ensure their procurement practices do not inadvertently support companies engaged in unlawful trade practices.⁶

¹ https://americanautomakers.org/sites/default/files/2025%20AAPC%20Economic%20Contribution%20Report_1.pdf

² <https://www.bls.gov/iag/tgs/iagauto.htm>

³ <https://www.usglassmag.com/fuyao-glass-claims-third-party-target-in-ohio-facility-raid/>

⁴ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdoh/pr/united-states-seizes-assets-related-126-million-illegal-staffing-money-laundering>;
https://www.daytondailynews.com/local/chinese-companies-with-dayton-ties-face-federal-scrutiny/article_1b8864f2-1f96-5f6c-b1e1-454dd294d916.html

⁵ <https://www.axios.com/2024/01/21/dhs-raid-chinese-car-parts-makers-us-tariff>

⁶ <https://chinaselectcommittee.house.gov/media/press-releases/moolenaar-lawmakers-warn-us-auto-part-firms-against-importing-illegal-chinese>

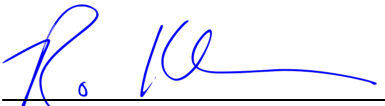
A year later in March 2025, federal law enforcement raided Georgia-based manufacturing firm Wellmade Industries after a monthslong investigation of “improper pay and treatment of workers.”⁷ Based on evidence uncovered during the operation, the firm’s owner and a business associate were arrested for trafficking persons for labor servitude and dozens of victims employed by the company were rescued from labor exploitation.⁸ Notably, a Dayton, Ohio-area staffing agency, Join-Win Consulting Group is located in the immediate vicinity of Fuyao Glass and Qingdao Sunsong and is reported to maintain business relationships with both Fuyao and Wellmade Industries.⁹

As CCP-linked automotive supply firms or their affiliates continue to expand their presence in the U.S. market, it is critical that the DOJ and its partner agencies rigorously investigate their operations for evidence of violating U.S. trade and labor law. The legal violations enumerated above do not appear to be isolated incidents, but rather evidence of a pattern of systematic abuse by CCP-linked companies or their affiliates operating in the United States.

We therefore respectfully request that the Department provide a comprehensive update on its progress in completing the report required by House Report 119–272, including any preliminary findings and a detailed accounting of the investigative and prosecutorial steps taken to date, by June 19, 2026.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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⁷ https://www.daytondailynews.com/local/chinese-companies-with-dayton-ties-face-federal-scrutiny/article_1b8864f2-1f96-5f6c-b1e1-454dd294d916.html

⁸ <https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ice-atlanta-unveils-results-labor-trafficking-operation>

⁹ https://www.daytondailynews.com/local/chinese-companies-with-dayton-ties-face-federal-scrutiny/article_1b8864f2-1f96-5f6c-b1e1-454dd294d916.html