

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Howard Lutnick
Secretary of Commerce
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave NW
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Dear Secretary Lutnick,

We write to express our deep concern over recent reports that the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) seeks to end the U.S.-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC) and pull back its participation in export control dialogues with allies and partners.¹

Over the past two years, the Select Committee has worked to strengthen U.S. leadership in critical and emerging technologies, including calling for and supporting the expansion and strengthening of export control regimes. In this work, we have consistently emphasized the importance of coordination with allies and partners—particularly the European Union—to confront the generational challenge posed by the CCP and to promote joint U.S. and EU competitiveness and prosperity.² Our bipartisan efforts have highlighted the necessity of multilateral export controls to prevent the transfer of sensitive technologies that could enhance the capabilities of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) or contribute to human rights abuses.³

The TTC has been an essential forum for facilitating this coordination. Since the Council's establishment in June 2021, it has convened six ministerial-level meetings that have allowed for robust dialogue and alignment on artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, semiconductor supply chains, export controls and investment screening, which are all areas that are vital to outcompete the CCP and ensure that technology policy continues to be grounded in our shared democratic values. The forum has achieved many milestones; it has:

¹ <https://exportcompliancedaily.com/article/2025/03/31/us-to-shun-export-control-dialogues-seek-massive-increase-in-china-penalties-bis-chief-says-2503280039?ch=sm&src=LI>

²“Support participation in the U.S.-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC) to promote joint U.S. and EU competitiveness and prosperity. Congress should hold USTR and the Departments of State and Commerce accountable to maintain high-level dialogue with European counterparts to jointly advance shared values in emerging technologies and promote the rules-based economic order.”


<https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/reset-prevent-build-scc-report.pdf>

³<https://democrats-selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/media/press-releases/krishnamoorthi-moolenaar-issue-joint-statement-5000000-appropriated-support>


- established a working group on supply chains to identify vulnerabilities in areas like semiconductors, including increased cooperation on critical minerals after the People's Republic of China imposed export controls on gallium and germanium, which are key semiconductor inputs, in 2023;
- executed swift responses to geopolitical crises, including implementing restrictive measures and export controls against Russia after its illegal invasion of Ukraine in 2022;
- served as the primary forum for Information and Communications Technology and Services (ICTS) with European partners, an authority that was established during the first Trump Administration, and that the current administration continues to leverage;
- served as a force multiplier in coordinating U.S.-EU investment screening cooperation, especially in restricting outbound investments in critical and emerging technology sectors to countries of concern; and
- served as a critical forum for industries to elevate issues of concern to European leaders.

Dissolving the Council would not only disrupt the critical work that has been done but also signal a retreat from U.S. commitment to collaborative leadership in setting global norms for critical and emerging technologies and promoting a rules-based economic order. We strongly urge the Commerce Department to maintain and strengthen its commitment to the TTC and other mechanisms for transatlantic cooperation. At a time when coordination and dialogue with trusted partners is more essential than ever, stepping back from this forum risks undermining the very alliances we need to compete effectively on the global stage.


Sincerely,




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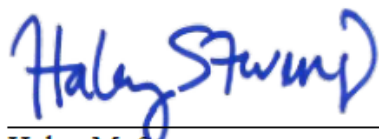
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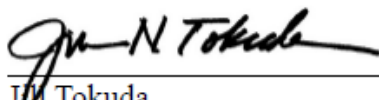
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