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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

As Members of the House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party, we write to underscore the importance of discussions between the United States and the People's Republic of China (PRC) on artificial intelligence and seek full transparency from your Administration regarding these discussions. In particular, ahead of your meeting with General Secretary Xi Jinping this week, we request your commitment to raise this issue and inform us of the outcome.

Recently, the founders of three American AI companies called for 'pacing the frontier' to ensure the rate of AI advancement does not outpace society's ability to establish guardrails against the loss of control and misalignment. Across society, ordinary Americans and leading AI experts alike are calling for safeguards to ensure the safe and responsible development of this technology. We believe that conversations around these concerns do not need to conflict with ensuring American AI leadership and maintaining our strategic edge against the PRC, which is also an imperative. To the contrary, we believe that America's AI advantage depends on being leaders in both AI technology and governance.

Accordingly, it is essential that you use the opportunity of this Thursday's meeting with General Secretary Xi to discuss AI. Many of us believe the United States and China would benefit from a binding, enforceable, and verifiable international accord to prevent any country from losing control of AI or unleashing misaligned superintelligence on the world. Achieving such an outcome would require helping the CCP understand where we have common interests. For instance, neither country benefits from an AI-facilitated biological or chemical attack or a loss of control scenario where humans lose our ability to guide this technology. However, it would also require meaningful and enforceable commitments from the PRC to ensure such an agreement was verifiable. Especially when engaging with the PRC, the U.S. cannot assume commitments will be upheld unless there are clear mechanisms for verifying compliance.

We recognize that this is a complicated topic and there are no easy solutions. But if the United States and China do not chart a responsible path forward on AI, the consequences for society may be profound. Given the stakes, diplomacy and open lines of communication on AI risks are an imperative. This starts by making these risks a central topic of your discussions this week.

Furthermore, given the consequences for the American people and all of humanity should the U.S. and China fail to successfully navigate challenges posed by the rapid advancement of AI, our Committee requests a briefing following your meeting with General Secretary Xi Jinping, including details on your discussions regarding AI. Just as humans must be kept in the loop of this technology, Congress must be kept in the loop of your diplomacy.

Thank you for your attention to this important topic.

Sincerely,



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