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Members of the Senate Community Revitalization Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Resolution 241.

This resolution condemns China for conducting unrestricted warfare against the world, and especially against the United States, and for the systematic, brutal oppression of its own people.

In 1999, a book was published from the writings of two Chinese colonels in the People's Liberation Army. This book, entitled "Unrestricted Warfare: Two Air Force Senior Colonels on Scenarios for War and the Operational Art in an Era of Globalization," details the unfiltered strategies and objectives of the People's Republic of China in defeating opponents such as the United States. Their conclusions include political warfare, "lawfare," or legal tools, and economics as viable alternatives to striking visibly with the military.<sup>1</sup>

It has become clear that China has been utilizing these very strategies in order to attack and destabilize other world powers, especially the United States, and I believe we are way overdue in holding them accountable for their many crimes, including, but not limited to:

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<sup>1</sup> *Unrestricted Warfare*, by Qiao Liang and Wang Xiangsui (1999)

- 1. Industrial and military espionage:** There are over 200 reported instances of Chinese espionage directed at the US since 2000, and more than 1200 cases of intellectual property theft lawsuits brought by US companies against Chinese entities.<sup>23</sup>
- 2. Fentanyl production and exportation:** As I have laid out in Senate Concurrent Resolution 7 and Senate Resolution 240, the PRC and the Chinese Communist Party have permitted and incentivized the production of fentanyl and its precursors, which has devastated our communities. China is the largest point of origin of fentanyl smuggled to the United States.<sup>4</sup>
- 3. COVID-19 negligence and secrecy:** The US Dept. of Energy concluded recently that COVID-19 likely was a result of a lab leak in Wuhan, China, where researchers were conducting gain-of-function research.<sup>5</sup> This revelation came no thanks to the PRC, which has failed to cooperate with the United States in investigating the virus's origins and has maintained extreme secrecy in its further operations. Furthermore, China's "zero-COVID" policy was a failure on multiple levels, resulting in the oppression and imprisonment of the Chinese people and the spread of COVID-19 across the globe.<sup>6</sup>
- 4. The supply chain crisis:** China's failed and unpredictable COVID policies also impacted the United States through an uncertain and unstable supply chain, leading to the disastrous supply chain crisis that the world has been seeing ever since the outbreak of the virus.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.csis.org/programs/strategic-technologies-program/archives/survey-chinese-espionage-united-states-2000>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/archives/nsd/information-about-department-justice-s-china-initiative-and-compilation-china-related>

<sup>4</sup> *Fentanyl, Inc.* by Ben Westhoff, chapters 18-19

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.cnn.com/2023/02/26/politics/covid-lab-leak-wuhan-china-intelligence/index.html>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2023/apr/18/china-zero-covid-policy-xi-jinping>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.cnbc.com/2022/08/19/how-chinas-covid-policies-lead-to-hampered-supply-chains-higher-inflation.html>

- 5. Pollution:** While criticism for greenhouse gas emissions has largely fallen on the United States and Europe, China has been the largest emitter of greenhouse gases since 2006, with numbers still on the rise; its total emissions are double that of the United States. The US State Dept. has documented China's numerous other environmental abuses, including dangerous air quality, mercury pollution, illegal logging, wildlife trafficking, plastic pollution, illegal fishing, and more.<sup>8</sup>
- 6. Uyghur detainment and forced labor:** More than one million Uyghurs and other mostly Muslim minorities have been arbitrarily detained by the PRC. Of those, an estimated 100,000 have been forced into labor and reeducation camps, where they are subject to inhumane conditions.<sup>9</sup>
- 7. Forced organ harvesting:** The PRC commonly subjects imprisoned individuals to death by forced organ harvesting, violating the dead donor rule with this grotesque and evil practice.<sup>1011</sup>
- 8. Hong Kong oppression:** After promising to allow Hong Kong political autonomy, the PRC has cracked down on its citizens' freedoms. These have sparked numerous protests, which the PRC has responded to through mass arrests, brutality, and limiting freedoms of press and speech.<sup>12</sup>
- 9. Intimidation/cyber-attacks on Taiwan:** China has increased its military presence around Taiwan, clearly intending to intimidate through a show of force. Additionally, Taiwan has

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<sup>8</sup> <https://2017-2021.state.gov/chinas-environmental-abuses-fact-sheet/>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ilab/against-their-will-the-situation-in-xinjiang>

<sup>10</sup> <https://humanrightscommission.house.gov/events/hearings/forced-organ-harvesting-china-examining-evidence>

<sup>11</sup> <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35377533/>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/hong-kong-freedoms-democracy-protests-china-crackdown>

reported that the PRC targets its government agencies through cyber-attacks millions of times per day.<sup>13</sup>

- 10. Increasing military force:** It is reported that the PRC is constructing as many as 200 intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) sites in West China, and continues to upgrade its military capabilities.<sup>14</sup>
- 11. Maritime aggression in the South China Sea:** China has consistently pushed the envelope concerning maritime law in order to threaten its neighbors; for example, it has fabricated phony islands in the South China Sea and elsewhere, militarized them, and used them to make claim to vast ocean territories.<sup>1516</sup>
- 12. Support for Russia:** During the Ukraine-Russia war, China has been a crucial ally of Russia through both economic and military support, attempting to negate efforts from the United States and elsewhere to impose sanctions on Russia and aid Ukraine militarily.<sup>17</sup>
- 13. Surveillance of citizens:** China has imposed an oppressive system of mass surveillance on its own citizens through the internet, cameras, and other digital technologies. It is estimated that 200 million monitoring cameras have been put to use in mainland China.<sup>18</sup>
- 14. Religious persecution:** In addition to the brutal oppression of Uyghur Muslims already mentioned, the CCP systematically persecutes Christians through imprisonment and demolishing churches. Other groups persecuted for their

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<sup>13</sup> <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/china-cyber-assault-taiwan-60-minutes-2023-06-18/#:~:text=Data%20show%20that%20cyberattacks%20targeting,messaging%20app%20popular%20in%20Taiwan.>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/26/us/politics/china-nuclear-weapons.html>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/mar/21/china-has-fully-militarized-three-islands-in-south-china-sea-us-admiral-says>

<sup>16</sup> <https://apnews.com/article/south-china-sea-island-airstrip-8b8ae02349a7a548af7d943cc300f776>

<sup>17</sup> [https://democrats-intelligence.house.gov/uploadedfiles/odni\\_report\\_on\\_chinese\\_support\\_to\\_russia.pdf](https://democrats-intelligence.house.gov/uploadedfiles/odni_report_on_chinese_support_to_russia.pdf)

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/08/business/china-surveillance-technology.html>

religious beliefs include Tibetan Buddhists and Hui Muslims; many more religious sects and groups are outright banned in China.<sup>19</sup>

Just a couple months ago, I stated in my sponsor testimony for Senate Concurrent Resolution 7, now Senate Resolution 240, that the CCP is the enemy not just of the world, but most importantly of its own people. For that reason, when we condemn the evils of the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Communist Party, we are not leveling accusations against the Chinese people; we are condemning the government and the political party that has long oppressed them, along with conducting unrestricted warfare against the United States and the world.

Thank you again for your time and attention. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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<sup>19</sup> <https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/religion-china>