

## Property Protection

The goal for property protection legislation should be to reduce the surface area of risk to the State of Ohio by preventing foreign adversary ownership of all agricultural land along with other property near sensitive military and critical infrastructure installations.

China's Communist Party has accelerated its aggression across the globe and is positioning itself for global conflict. Indeed, the CCP is directly or indirectly behind conflict points across the world, including Russia, Hamas, the Houthis, and North Korea. They are a strategic backer of Pakistan, from which a horrendous terror attack was recently launched against India. The CCP is a revisionist power vying with the US to be the leading world power.

Chinese companies in the U.S. are beholden to China's government. **China's 2017 National Intelligence Law** and a [range of other party-state security measures](#) require Chinese companies to serve the Communist Party surveillance state. Former National Security Advisor Robert C. O'Brien [wrote](#) that the Intelligence Law

“obligates individuals, organizations, and institutions to assist the PRC security and intelligence services in carrying out a wide variety of intelligence work.”

## Reduce Surface Area of Risk

### Critical Infrastructure is Being Held at Risk by the CCP.

President Biden's cybersecurity Director Jen Easterly previously testified of China's plan is to cause an “everything, everywhere, all at once crisis” within the United States by taking down multiple categories of critical infrastructure all at once. All these assets at the same time.

The former Chair of the House Select Committee on the CCP, Mike Gallagher, described China's pre-positioning as like placing bombs on a bridge that you wish to detonate later.

A recent study by RAND corporation noted that Chinese spies with proximity to critical infrastructure are preparing to physically sabotage the critical infrastructure.<sup>1</sup>

## Examples of Security Risks

- **Texas Val Verde County:** A former General in the People's Liberation Army purchased over 100,000 acres, which included a runway, near Laughlin Air Force Base and the Texas-Mexico border. The general intended to create wind farms, which would provide tremendous surveillance and signals collection opportunities. He erected several wind turbines before Texas passed a law to stop him.
- **North Dakota Grand Forks:** The Chinese company Fufeng Group, which has extensive ties to the CCP, purchased land 12 miles from Grand Forks Air Force Base to build a grain silo. The Secretary of the Air Force wrote a letter describing the installation as a security threat to the base, and the plan was stopped.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.rand.org/pubs/commentary/2025/04/could-chinas-us-spies-conduct-physical-sabotage-in.html?project=&utm\\_campaign=&utm\\_content=1745347450&utm\\_medium=rand\\_social&utm\\_source=twitter](https://www.rand.org/pubs/commentary/2025/04/could-chinas-us-spies-conduct-physical-sabotage-in.html?project=&utm_campaign=&utm_content=1745347450&utm_medium=rand_social&utm_source=twitter)

- **Indiana Rail Lines:** Fufeng group popped up again in northwest Indiana, seeking by purchase land and assets that would straddle one of the most important industrial rail lines in the U.S.
- **Ohio:** Even here in Ohio, a Chinese owned and operated factory is under investigation by the U.S. Atty for the Southern District of Ohio for illegal staffing and money laundering.

## Other States Are Acting

**More than 20 states have enacted some version of property protection.**

## Solution

1. **Agriculture Land:** Prohibit all foreign adversary ownership of agriculture land.
2. **Military Installations:** Prohibit foreign adversary ownership of property near military installations.
3. **Critical Infrastructure:** Prohibit foreign adversary ownership of property near critical infrastructure installations.