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Mr. Craig Allen
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Dear Ambassador Allen,

On November 5th, 2023, the U.S.-China Business Council (USCBC) and the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations (NCUSCR) announced they will host a banquet with Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China and General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), and other senior CCP officials in San Francisco, California on November 15th, 2023. Beyond the standard price to attend the event, USCBC and NCUSCR, are also selling \$40,000 tickets to Americans and American businesses to sit at Xi's table.¹ It is unconscionable that American companies might pay thousands of dollars to join a "welcome dinner" hosted by the very same CCP officials who have facilitated a genocide against millions of innocent men, women, and children in Xinjiang.

Should executives of U.S. companies and financial institutions decide to meet with CCP officials at this dinner, those industry executives should not be fooled by celebratory toasts and promises of future cooperation. Executives must recognize that the reality of doing business in China today includes the increased risk of arbitrary detentions, exit bans, and raids by the Chinese intelligence services. The CCP's continued efforts to weaponize market access and supply chain vulnerabilities further complicate the business landscape, and executives should take proactive steps to de-risk. This is particularly true for U.S. companies that work on critical and emerging technologies, to include pharmaceuticals, bio and medtech, batteries, AI, advanced computing, and semiconductor manufacturing. Additionally, U.S. financial institutions should not view engagement with CCP officials as an opportunity to sign and celebrate new deals that

¹ Ana Swanson, *Xi Jinping to Address U.S. Business Leaders Amid Rising Skepticism of China Ties*, N.Y. TIMES (Nov. 8, 2023) available at www.nytimes.com/2023/11/08/business/economy/xi-jinping-american-business-leaders-dinner.html.

facilitate flows of American capital or technology to PRC companies that have been blacklisted by the U.S. government or that otherwise support PRC military advancement or CCP human rights abuses.

USCBC and NCUSCR's decision to profit from selling access to the senior-most CCP official responsible for the Uyghur genocide raises serious questions about whether these organizations are playing responsible roles in the bilateral relationship. Therefore, we request the following documents and information as soon as possible but no later than November 21, 2023:

1. Please provide a complete list of individuals, companies, financial institutions, and other entities that have purchased tickets to the CCP dinner;
2. Please provide a separate list of individuals and companies that have paid the \$40,000 fee to sit at the table with Xi;
3. Please provide a breakdown of how profits from the CCP dinner will be distributed between USCBC, NCUSCR, and other entities, as applicable; and
4. What steps, if any, has USCBC and NCUSCR taken to defend human rights in China and to prevent the genocide of Uyghurs and other ethnic minorities in Xinjiang?

The House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party has broad authority to "investigate and submit policy recommendations on the status of the Chinese Communist Party's economic, technological, and security progress and its competition with the United States" under H. Res. 11.

I appreciate your attention to this inquiry, and I look forward to receiving your responses.

Sincerely,



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