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The Honorable Rick Crawford
Chairman
House Permanent Select Committee on
Intelligence

The Honorable Jim Himes
Ranking Member
House Permanent Select Committee on
Intelligence

The Honorable Tom Cotton
Chairman
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

The Honorable Mark Warner
Vice Chairman
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

The Honorable Jason Smith
Chairman
House Committee on Ways and Means

The Honorable Richard Neal
Ranking Member
House Committee on Ways and Means

RE: Investigate Foreign Influence Operations Targeting American AI Infrastructure

Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members,

I write to urge your committees to investigate growing evidence that foreign actors and foreign-linked influence networks are seeking to undermine American AI infrastructure by amplifying opposition to data center projects across the United States.

I was encouraged to see members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee call on the administration to [investigate](#) links between foreign governments, particularly China, and anti-AI propaganda campaigns in America. That request reflects an important recognition that foreign adversaries increasingly view America's technological leadership as a target for strategic influence operations. Congress has a critical role in exposing and countering those efforts.

Last month, I [testified](#) before the Texas House Committee on Natural Resources regarding evidence that foreign actors, particularly the Chinese Communist Party and its affiliated influence networks, are amplifying opposition to data center development. Although my testimony focused on Texas because of its significance to America's AI buildout, the challenge is national. The same influence campaigns and foreign-backed activist networks are active across the country, making this an issue squarely within the oversight responsibilities of the congressional intelligence committees.

Data centers are among the most strategically important infrastructure in the world. They are essential to the future of artificial intelligence and therefore to America's economic strength, military advantage, and national security. Both the United States and China have publicly declared AI leadership to be a national security priority. China has every strategic incentive to

delay or complicate America's ability to build the computing infrastructure necessary to maintain that lead.

There is increasing evidence that this effort extends beyond traditional espionage into information warfare and malign foreign influence. Opposition campaigns targeting data center projects have intensified nationwide, while foreign actors have amplified narratives designed to discourage American infrastructure development. Americans should continue to debate these projects openly, and our concern about foreign influence is not to discount organic resistance to data center development. But Congress must also ensure those debates are not being manipulated by hostile foreign governments. In fact, the best way to protect our civil society and ensure a good-faith domestic debate is to exclude malicious adversaries who seek not only to arrest our infrastructure development, but also to enhance our political divisions and sow discord in our domestic debates.

Recent reporting points to several overlapping foreign influence efforts. An April 2026 [report](#) from the American Energy Institute documented more than \$39 million in foreign funding flowing to organizations opposing American AI infrastructure projects. A subsequent [report](#) from the Bitcoin Policy Institute described multiple foreign influence networks converging around efforts to block U.S. data center construction, including Chinese propaganda outlets, organizations linked to Neville Roy Singham, and European-funded activist networks. Bitcoin Policy Institute also released a [second part](#) to its investigation, documenting still more concerning ties to Chinese influence operations.

This concern is no longer hypothetical. OpenAI recently disclosed a PRC-linked influence operation that generated social media posts, comments, memes, and political cartoons opposing U.S. data center construction. The campaign promoted narratives about electricity costs, grid reliability, and environmental impacts in an apparent effort to shape American public opinion. During my testimony in Texas, I also highlighted the role of Chinese state media in consistently promoting similar English-language messaging aimed at American audiences. While Chinese state media might not be seen as reliable to most Americans, it nonetheless is used by the CCP to communicate their talking points into “united front” organizations operating within the U.S. that are tasked with carrying out Party objectives, such as disrupting our development. Together, these activities suggest a coordinated effort to influence domestic debate surrounding infrastructure that is central to America's AI competitiveness.

Meanwhile, organizations tied to the Singham network, including CODEPINK, have become increasingly active in anti-data-center campaigns throughout the United States. CODEPINK’s own materials characterize data centers as part of a broader “[war economy](#)” and explicitly tie opposition to AI infrastructure to resistance against what it describes as a “[new Cold War on China](#).”

Indeed, Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum recently [acknowledged](#) that foreign money is helping fuel misinformation surrounding data center development.

The United States should welcome public debate over data centers, energy policy, and AI development. Our open society is one of our greatest strengths. But openness also creates opportunities for authoritarian governments to exploit democratic debate through propaganda, covert influence, foreign-funded advocacy, and coordinated information operations. If we allow outside interference, we will undermine the open system we all treasure.

Congress should conduct a comprehensive counterintelligence review to determine whether foreign governments and foreign-backed networks are seeking to impede the infrastructure that underpins American AI leadership. Where foreign influence operations are identified, they should be exposed and countered.

The race for AI leadership will be won by the nations capable of building, securing, and defending the infrastructure these systems require. Congress should ensure that foreign adversaries are not quietly using influence operations to weaken America's technological leadership from within.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Lucci", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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