

**Testimony of Chairman Mike Gallagher Before
the Committee on House Administration
March 1, 2023**

Good afternoon, Chairman Steil and Ranking Member Morelle. Thank you for inviting me to testify before the Committee on House Administration on the budget request for the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party in the 118th Congress.

My partner on our committee, Ranking Member Raja Krishnamoorthi, and I are both aware of the current constrained budget environment we face. The work we do must be efficient and effective with the taxpayer money provided to us. As you will see in our submitted budget documentation, this budget would build and resource the entirety of the Select Committee from scratch. This includes salaries for 24 majority staffers and 12 minority staffers, as well as planning for and traveling to approximately four field hearings each year.

Mr. Krishnamoorthi and I are aware of the challenge facing our committee. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) poses a serious and highly complex threat to the future of the United States. I would argue our fight is existential. In all areas of geopolitical competition—be it military, economic, or diplomatic—the CCP is working to undermine our national interests. With the resources provided to this

committee, the committee will work to (1) restore supply chains and end critical economic dependencies on China, (2) strengthen the military to build a credible deterrent to prevent conflict, (3) end the CCP's theft of American personal data and intellectual property, (4) work to address the human rights violations committed at the hands of the CCP, and (5) make a compelling argument to the American people that the CCP's techno-totalitarian state is a danger to the values of the Free World, among other important work.

This is no small task. Our committee will play a central role in driving China policy in Congress and working with the standing committees of jurisdiction to do so. My staff and I are committed to delivering actionable policy recommendations that will safeguard U.S. national interests and reduce the threat of the CCP.

Please accept my thanks for your time and your consideration of the committee's request.