

Opening Statement
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The Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the
Chinese Communist Party Budget Request for the 118th Congress
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Chairman Steil, Ranking Member Morelle, and Members of the Committee, thank you very much for the opportunity to testify before you today regarding the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party's budget submissions for the 118th Congress.

I want to begin by thanking Chairman Mike Gallagher for his leadership in developing our Committee budget, as well as his staff who worked closely with mine in this effort. That is no small undertaking because, as the Chairman noted, we need to build out our committee from the ground up. As we work together to meet the challenges posed to this committee, I am pleased to join Chairman Gallagher in supporting this funding request. And those challenges are serious.

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) poses major economic and security threats to our nation as well as to democracy and prosperity across the globe. Those dangers are clearly illustrated by the CCP's threats against Taiwan's democracy, its theft of hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of American intellectual property, and its numerous human rights abuses. Using the resources provided to this committee, we will study and develop the policy tools we need to protect our nation and out-compete China through developing our high technology and manufacturing sectors, up-skilling our workforce, strengthening strategic cooperation with our partners across the Indo-Pacific, including Taiwan, and countering the CCP's anti-market policies that hurt American workers.

We will pursue this agenda while rejecting the dangers of xenophobia, suspicion, and division in America which the CCP not only welcomes, but also actively works to sow.

The tasks before this committee are significant but Chairman Gallagher and I know that the budget that we have proposed will enable our committee to deliver the actionable policy recommendations necessary to help ensure the security and prosperity of our nation in the face of the threats posed by the CCP.

Thank you for our time and consideration of our committee's request.