

**Testimony of Chairman John Moolenaar Before the Committee on House Administration**  
***Biennial Funding Request for the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party***

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Chairman Steil, Ranking Member Morelle, and Members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on the biennial funding request for the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party in the 119th Congress.

The Select Committee's recent reauthorization by the full House reflects the reality that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) represents an unprecedented, urgent threat to our national security, our economy, and our values.

I am proud of the work that my teammate, Ranking Member Raja Krishnamoorthi, and I have advanced to combat this threat on behalf of the American people. Through close collaboration and diligence, we have leveraged the full range of available tools to investigate, conduct oversight, develop actionable policy recommendations, and inform the American people of the high stakes involved. Our work is illuminating the true nature of the CCP and its dangerous actions, forging bipartisan consensus, and resulting in critical steps to safeguard our nation.

Our funding request for the 119th Congress reflects this strong foundation. It also reflects a vision for further delivering on our mandate to counter the economic, technological, security, and ideological threats posed by the CCP. As we carry out our mission, the Ranking Member and I are committed to being faithful stewards of our resources and doing right by the taxpayers through efficient and effective operation of the Select Committee.

Our budget request for this new Congress has the benefit of experience gained in our first two years when we built a new committee from scratch. What we learned last Congress about our scope of work, staffing demands, and operational rhythm has helped inform a request that responsibly meets the committee's operational requirements. This includes having a bipartisan staff with specialized expertise and robust experience in the relevant areas, which comes at a higher cost in salaries to attract and retain talent. Additionally, this year and next, our investigative work—central to the committee's mandate—will increase in scale, scope, and complexity. The request therefore accounts for necessary personnel and related resources, including some new investigative tools.

With the resources provided to us, we will work diligently to (1) hold the CCP accountable for its threatening actions, including fueling the fentanyl crisis and engaging in malign trade practices, (2) stem the flow of American capital and technology boosting China's military buildup, (3) strengthen deterrence against the CCP's military aggression, (4) address the CCP's brutality and human rights abuses, and (5) position the United States to win the competition against the CCP.

The task is a significant one. But I am confident we have the Members, the staff plan, and partnerships with the standing committees of jurisdiction to help deliver national security wins for the American people.

In closing, let me also express deep appreciation on behalf of the Select Committee for your vital work. Under your leadership, important tasks such as making our legislative branch more cost-effective and efficient are in capable hands.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our funding request. I look forward to answering any questions you may have.