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Thank you to the honorable Chairman and the Members of the Committee for allowing me to testify regarding the CCP's Transnational Repression Threats to U.S. Homeland Security.

Since President Xi Jinping took power, the CCP's repression against religious freedom, human rights and rule of law in China has reached to the worst level since the brutal dictator Chairman Mao's Cultural Revolution time in 1960s. With Xi and CCP's publicly stated goal of global expansion and its strategy of "unrestricted warfare" against the free world especially the USA, the transnational repression and threats has been growing rapidly in the past few years. As the intelligence community in the both Trump and Biden administrations concluded, the CCP regime indeed has become the No. 1 global threats to our value and national security in every level of our society. The goal of these transnational repressive efforts is to make the CCP party-state as the global dominant power with rules made by the CCP instead of norms based on universal values in global organizations such as the United Nations and other international institutions. Part of means to reach this CCP stated goal is to silence and crush any dissident voices in the U.S. soil and other democratic countries.

Subsequently the CCP has been engaging a systematic, multiple fronts and multi-facets campaign inside our soils. The CCP's all-of-society approach for transnational oppression efforts includes both public and covert operations through physical and cyber harassment and threats by utilizing its global resources with its mobilization of Chinese expatriates and its recruited foreign agents through financial manipulation of free and open society in western countries.

1, CCP has compulsively legalized overseas spying work for all the Chinese. According to PRC's new National Intelligence Law passed in 2017, all Chinese citizens including those who were born here as American citizens, are mandated to engage spy work. Article 7 of the PRC National Intelligence Law obligates Chinese individuals, organizations, and institutions to support national intelligence work in every aspects. Article 14 gives the Chinese intelligence agencies the authority to demand such cooperation. Even U.S. companies operating in China must locally store all personal information that is collected and produced. The effect of that law has already vividly demonstrated in massive arbitrary arrests and sentence against dissidents in Hong Kong under the so called "Hong Kong National Security Law." American and British citizens had been put on the CCP's Most Wanted List" as "co-conspirators" of freedom fighters in China and Hong Kong. Therefore, under the compulsory mandate, all Chinese students, visiting scholars, business visitors and tourists in US and other country's soils engage spying work for the CCP although some may do it inadvertently or unwillingly. Multiple cases from Dule University, to Perdue University, from

University of Washington to University of Florida show Chinese students and even their parents back to China were harassed, interrogated and arrested simply because they attended a dissident activities such as participating a public event commemorating anniversary of Tiananmen Square Massacre or activities supporting the persecuted Tibetan, Uygur and Christians in campuses. These Chinese students were reported back to CCP law enforcement agents by their fellow Chinese students spying on them.

2, CCP directs its transnational repression activities through its agents and pro-CCP organizations. The Chinese Embassy and its consulates directly sponsor those so called students organizations such as 150 US based “Chinese Students and Scholars Association(CSSA)” and the All-China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese (ACFROC) as well as hundreds of registered organizations in the name of regional fellowships “同乡会” or social groups by last names”宗亲会”。

3, CCP organizes and supports physical and cyber repressive activities against dissidents on the soils of US and other western countries.

3.1) CCP state security agents are responsible for the death of a house church translator Joseph Zhu in Seoul, South Korea.

Mr. Zhu Meng ("Joseph"), a leader of a house church in Beijing, did lots of translation work for house churches. One of the American Christian NGOs based in Seoul, South Korea, a partner of China Aid ministries, hired a young Chinese house church member in Beijing Joseph Zhu for translation work in July 2018.

After working in Seoul, South Korea for three months, On October 5, 2018, Joseph made a trip to China to get his visa matter straightened out and his winter clothes back. He was scheduled to be back very soon. In the early morning the next day, that NGO in Seoul received text messages from Joseph. It was sent at 2:20 am, October 6:

"ucmenomore,D ie".

It turned out that Joseph was kidnapped and arrested by the Chinese Ministry of State Security (MSS) agents as soon as he landed in Beijing. He was interrogated and tortured enormously in secret torture chamber in Beijing.

The whole interrogation centered around his relationship and work with American mission organizations. Totally broken, he confessed everything. Then, MSS agents forced Joseph to return to Seoul on the return flight (OZ336) on

October 8, at 20:10. We learned Joseph was tortured for 12 hours nonstop by the MSS agents. MSS agents showed him the Christian book he translated and talked about what a danger it would be if it spread in China; ultimately the CCP agents told him he had "no choice" but to return to Korea and spy on mission organizations. They gave him a spyware programmed iPad with 20,000 yuan RMB in cash and told him to gather all the information they listed for him. After Joseph returned to South Korea, he continued

receiving multiple threatening messages from the Chinese MSS agents sent via WeChat and through his friends indicating that his parents could be hurt if he failed to cooperate with MSS.

Joseph refused to cooperate with the CCP agents. In early 2020 while Joseph was applying for asylum in South Korea, he was found hanging on a tree in a mountainous area in the suburb of Seoul, South Korea. This is a clear though tragic example of the CCP's transnational repression in foreign soil. CCP must be held accountable for Joseph's death.

3.2) CCP's repression against China Aid staff members. Since 2012, at least five China Aid former staff members were arbitrarily detained while traveling in China to visit their family. They were all naturalized American citizens. Their American passports were confiscated and they had to apply for approval for out of town travel before they can return to America. They were all asked to spy on China Aid and our work. One of them was even forced to surrender at Chinese consulate in Houston (now closed) in order to sign a written deal committing to spy for China in exchange for a Chinese visa to visit his aged parents in China.

3.3) CCP hired agents directly involving violence against Chinese dissidents from New York to San Francisco.

On July 11, 2019, when a group of Chinese dissidents held a public welcome ceremony in front of a hotel in Manhattan New York City for President Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan, the CCP hired agents violently beaten these dissidents under daylight. Five dissidents were hospitalized because of the injuries they had. No one had been held accountable for that incident. ( <https://www.voachinese.com/amp/FIGHT-TSAI-NY-20190713/4998502.html> )

During the APEC summit in San Francisco November 15-17, 2023, CCP organized a well orchestrated systematic effort with violent assaults on Chinese dissidents who protested against Chinese leader Xi Jinping's visit. Despite Human rights organizations and activists in the United States are calling for a federal probe, so far no substantial actions have been taken by any local, state or federal law enforcement agencies. (<https://apnews.com/article/anti-chinese-protesters-san-francisco-pec-16c9ce2d81ec54a818e341e46b2a0c44> )

3.4) Transnational Persecution of Li Chuanliang and his family members:

Li Chuanliang, born on September 27, 1963, served as deputy mayor of Jixi City Government and deputy mayor of Hegang City Government in Heilongjiang Province before resigning from public office in May 2014. In 2020, he joined the Chinese Democratic Party (CCP). In China, Mr. Li repeatedly. publicly reported corruption among CCP leaders and cadres. He also insisted on freedom of speech and made political statements regarding the CCP's concealment of the Wuhan virus, which had caused a heavy death toll among the people. Thus, CCP authorities suppressed and persecuted him.

In August 2020, in solidarity with Hong Kong, as Mr. Li adhered to the political view of advancing democracy and freedom in China as well as in the United States, he participated and carried out various pro-democracy campaigns against the CCP's tyranny. Particularly since August 19, 2020, he publicly accepted special interviews from various media, including Radio Free Asia, Epoch Times newspaper, New Tang Dynasty TV (NTDTV), Vision Times newspaper, and China Forbidden News, etc. Using his real name, Mr. Li publicly announced that he relinquished his membership in the CCP. He also disclosed the truth of the Party's concealment of the Wuhan virus. Mr. Li revealed the fact that CCP authorities arbitrarily arrested dissidents. He criticized the CCP's various tyranny routes, dating back to the Cultural Revolution, and exposed the CCP's tyranny system, as well as the tyranny of the political and legal king of northeast China. He initiated the work of "China Torture Officials Whistleblower Center (CTOWC)."

Since September 2020, in response to Mr. Li's various political activities, CCP authorities have targeted and even more severely persecuted him and his family in China. CCP authorities have illegally arrested Mr. Li's pregnant daughter and son-in-law, as well as his sister and brother. They have illegally arrested and tortured almost all his family members and relatives. CCP authorities have additionally persecuted Mr. Li by making false confessions against him, preparing false charges, seizing private property, announcing a case against him for investigation and a cross-border manhunt. They have arrested his partners. CCP Officials confiscated personal belongings of Mr. Li's daughter Li Jiyang and son-in-law, Xiu Jianying, arrested him on false charges, and persecuted him by using torture. Authorities have persecuted both Li Chuanhua, Mr. Li's younger sister and Li Chuangang, his younger brother. In addition to arresting/torturing them on fabricated charges, they confiscated their personal belongings and homes. The CCP had also manipulated the Interpol by putting him on Red Alert system and CCP agents followed and threatened him in Los Angeles when he attended an event commemorating victims of CCPVirus there in 2022. The FBI, State Department and DHS has been made aware of his case. This is another typical case showing CCP's transnational repression effort on U.S. soils.

#### 4, My own experience of CCP's transnational repression in U.S. soils.

I was a student leader in Tiananmen Square for peaceful protest 35 years ago and CCP sent military tanks killing thousands. 28 years ago my wife and I were jailed in Beijing for our Christian belief until we were exiled and accepted into the USA as refugees in 1997. Because of our work for religious freedom and rule of law in China, we have been targeted by the CCP transnational threats in multiple fronts for many years.

4.1) organized physical threats by CCP thugs in front of our home in west Texas September to November 2020. My family experienced physical threats, harassments and stalking in front of my house in Midland TX by CCP organized groups from September to November 2020. As many as 100 masked Chinese thugs gathered in front of my home from September chanting slogans such as "elimination of Bob Fu" from 9am to 4pm every day. The threats against our lives were so credible that both the FBI and our local law enforcement officers, fully visibly armed, had to rescue my whole family and friends living with us out of our home through our alley of our house in west Texas and we are grateful that we were protected in various safe houses. Just think about this reality: a naturalized American citizen and the whole family had to be exiled from our own home in west Texas for three months! So I respectfully request the Chairman to allow me to submit the attached filed document to the US District Court of west Texas in November 2020 against the CCP thugs to this committee as part of hearing's permanent record today.

4.2) Multiple threat and harassment against me in 2023 through text messages and doxxing/swatting.

From the beginning of 2023, I started received multiple direct messages threatening me from unknown phones urging me to stop advocacy and aid effort to those overseas dissidents in Germany and Netherlands. Then a systematic swatting campaign started against me from Washington DC to New York, from Los Angeles to Houston. Suddenly I was booked luxury hotel rooms in these cities under my name and phone number. Then fake bomb threats were called to police departments in these cities claiming "Bob Fu has a bomb to detonate" in that hotel.

My recommendation:

1. Restore the “China Initiative” within the Department of Justice. The “China Initiative” by the Trump Administration that was cancelled by the Biden Administration should be fully restored and re-established in order to counter the CCP transnational repression on U.S. soils. By giving law enforcement agencies in federal level, it will empower these agencies to systematically discover, investigate and prosecute the perpetrators of the CCP affiliated individuals and groups with sufficient tools to execute. It has nothing to do with racial profiling or ethnic discrimination.

2. To establish a national and congressional data base for cases of transnational threats get the rogue nations. The FBI’s own transnational repression center is not sufficient. There should be a hotline with real person to record and document those who dare to report the threat incidents.

3. To pass federal legislation banning individuals and entities associated with CCP or its foreign agents from purchasing real estate and lands on US soils.

Dear friends for freedom, it’s time for us to wake up to the fact the CCP and its established malignant groups have already penetrated deep into our free society. USA can not and should never allow the CCP and other malicious actors from rogue regimes to establish permanent footprints on our soils.

Various state legislatures have passed similar measures. Unlike CCP’s propaganda and misinform claim, These kind of legislation has nothing to do with race, ethnicity or even nationality. It’s about the core of our national security as freedom loving nation. It’s about the threat to our state and country by the rogue regimes such Chinese Communist Party. The CCP not only poses the existential threats to our freedom and way of life but also is actively exporting its threats transactionally in our soils. We can not allow the CCP to build its physical bases by purchasing our strategic assets such as lands in our soils such as Texas, Florida, Kansas and any other states while having the CCP spy balloons hovering in our sovereign country’s air space surveilling our military bases and strategic nuclear installments.

For the sake of protection of our freedom and security of children and children’s children, on behalf of many silenced Chinese Americans, I urge Congress to pass targeted legislation specifically banning CCP members, Party-State owned corporations and its various agents, stakeholders, representatives with some of them may pose as fake NGOs, academic and business interest groups in this country.

God bless USA.

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