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Dear Chairman Williams and Ranking Member Velazquez,

We write to request a formal waiver to allow us to sit on the Committee on Small Businesses Hearing on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> entitled, “*Fostering American Innovation: Insights into SBIR and STTR Programs.*”

As Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), we have been deeply engaged in efforts to counter the theft of U.S. technology by People’s Republic of China (PRC) companies and individuals and to strengthen research security at American universities. Given these priorities, we would welcome the opportunity to waive on to your upcoming hearing, which is critical to ensuring that technology developed through SBIR and STTR grants—funded by American taxpayers—is safeguarded against intellectual property theft by the PRC.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide opening statements and question the witnesses being brought before your important Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Moolenaar".

John Moolenaar  
Member of Congress

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