

Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party
U.S. House of Representatives
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
Required by House Rule XI clause 2(g)(5) and Select Committee Rules III clause (b)(4)

1. Your Name: Jason G Tower
2. Your Title: Senior Expert
3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime
4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal government or a State or local government entity? <p style="text-align: center;">YES NO [X]</p> <p>If NO, you must complete Questions 5-9. If a question is not applicable to you, please state N/A.</p>
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts you or the entity(ies) you represent have received within the past 36 months. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed. <u>Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime</u> N/A <u>Jason Tower</u> N/A
6. Please list any payments or grants from a foreign government, foreign political party, or agent thereof within the past 36 months to any entity from which you receive compensation of more than \$10,000/year. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed. <u>Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime</u>

N/A

Jason Tower

N/A

7. Please list any payments, grants, or in-kind contributions from any agent of a foreign adversary within the past five years to any entity from which you receive compensation of more than \$10,000/year.

(a) A foreign adversary means:

- i. the People's Republic of China;
- ii. the Republic of Cuba;
- iii. the Islamic Republic of Iran;
- iv. the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;
- v. the Russian Federation; and
- vi. the Maduro regime of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

(b) An "agent of a foreign adversary" means:

- i. a government or political party of a foreign adversary;
- ii. any entity in which an entity identified in subpart (b)(i) owns a 10% stake or greater;
- iii. any entity subject to the direction, ownership, control, or influence of an entity identified in subparts (b)(i) or (b)(ii); and
- iv. any agent of an entity identified in subparts (b)(i)-(iii).

None.

8. Are you a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing?

YES **NO** [X]

If YES, please identify the organization(s) or entity(ies).

9. Please attach a copy of your curriculum vitae to this disclosure form. (Attached below)



Signature: _____

May 14, 2026

Date: _____

Attachment: CV

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Recent Work Experience

Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime, Senior Expert (Part-time)

July 2025 – Present

Conduct original research and publish reports and analysis on transnational organized crime in the Asia Pacific Region; engage with key stakeholders online and in person regarding crime trends, GI-TOC programming initiatives and findings of research; provide inputs into programming and strategic advice on issues related to transnational crime in the Asia Pacific Region.

Chulalongkorn University Faculty of Polics, Visiting Fellow

Bangkok, Thailand, 2024 – present

Affiliation (non-resident) with the University in support of research initiatives in the region, particularly related to regional security, transnational crime, human rights and U.S. – Thailand relations.

United States Institute of Peace, Burma Country Director and Team Lead, Program on Transnational Crime and Security in Southeast Asia

Yangon, Myanmar and Bangkok, Thailand October 2019 – June 2025

Represent USIP in Burma and/or Thailand, and lead efforts in developing, managing and evaluating in-country program activities. This included: supporting U.S. policy in the region, implementing an INL funded program to address the malign influence of China-linked transnational criminal organizations in Southeast Asia; lead a group of American experts on transnational crime to understand how Southeast Asia scam compounds harm U.S. national security interests, monitor related threats and support the U.S. response to transnational crime and online scams. Write and publish for USIP's website and for external publications; convene and lead briefings and dialogues; disseminate information about USIP programs and provide briefings to the US Embassy and other diplomatic missions in the region.

Peace Nexus Foundation, Southeast Asia Program Manager

Yangon, Myanmar 2018-2019

Responsible for the Foundation's programming in Southeast Asia, including: development of program strategy and partnerships, management and oversight of grants, conducting analysis on conflict trends in Southeast Asia, providing organizational development support to partners, and providing strategic guidance to Peace Nexus partners, especially with respect to the areas of business and peace, conflict sensitivity and do no harm.

American Friends Service Committee, Global Quaker International Affairs Program Representative, 2017 – 2018

Coordinate a team of senior international affairs representatives working in strategic locations around the globe towards achieving AFSC's peacebuilding objectives on five key themes. Authored or led original research on business and peace, prevention and restrictions on civic space.

American Friends Service Committee, East Asia International Affairs Program Representative and Business and Peace Program Director, 2008 – 2017

Responsible for AFSC's China program, which worked across Southeast Asia, in Africa and at the United Nations advancing dialogue and shining transparency on China's impact and influence on conflict hotspots across the world, focusing especially on Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, the DRC and Kenya.

Education

Cape Town University Graduate School of Business (2015)

Cape Town, South Africa

Certificate in Company-Community Mediation in Complex Environments

University of Michigan at Ann Arbor (2003 – 2008)
ABD PhD in Political Science

Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA

University of Michigan at Ann Arbor (2003 – 2006)
MA in Political Science, April 2006

Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA

St. Louis University (1997-2001)

BSBA Economics, International Business, Chinese, May 2001, *Summa Cum Laude*

St. Louis, Missouri, USA

Major Awards & Honors and Service

- Over 350 citations / quotes in international media (NY Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Nikkei, Financial Times, the Economist, The Guardian, ABC News Australia, Al Jazeera, South China Morning Post, The Straits Times, etc, 2021 - 2025)
- USIP Outstanding Performance Award (2023 and 2024)
- Invited in 2024 and 2025 to testify before the U.S. Congress on security threats stemming from transnational crime in Southeast Asia
- Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (2006 - 2007)

Selection of Recent Publications (Full list available on request)

- China-linked Scam Operations Threaten African Security, Pose New Challenges for at Risk Countries, Forthcoming (May 2026)
- The Fall of a cyber-scam “kingpin,” Will Chen Zhi’s arrest and extradition be a wake-up call for scam bosses in the Mekong? January 29, 2026, [Will Chen Zhi’s arrest and extradition be a wake-up call for scam bosses in the Mekong? | Global Initiative](#)
- Exporting Fraud: China’s Acquiescence to Myanmar’s Military Regime Fuels ‘Foreigner Butchering’ Scam Epidemic, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime, October 10, 2025, [China’s acquiescence to Myanmar’s military regime fuels ‘foreigner butchering’ scam epidemic | Global Initiative](#).
- Scam Empire Strikes Back: Crackdowns on Myanmar’s Scam Industry have had Little Material Impact, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime, August 27, 2025, [Scam empire strikes back: Crackdowns on Myanmar’s scam industry have had little material impact | Global Initiative](#).
- China Linked Transnational Organized Crime in Southeast Asia: A Rising Threat to U.S. National Security, *Testimony to the USCC*, March 22, 2025, [Jason Tower Testimony](#).
- China Exploits Thailand’s Crackdown on Scam Compounds to Increase its Security Influence, *USIP Analysis and Commentary*, February 27, 2025, <https://www.usip.org/publications/2025/02/china-exploits-thailands-crackdown-scam-compounds-grow-security-influence>.
- Transnational Crime in Southeast Asia: A Growing Threat to Global Peace and Security, *USIP Senior Study Group Final Report*, May 14, 2024, [Transnational Crime in Southeast Asia: A Growing Threat to Global Peace and Security | United States Institute of Peace](#)
- The Limits of Beijing’s Support for the Myanmar Army, *USIP Analysis and Commentary*, February 24, 2023, [The Limits of Beijing’s Support for Myanmar’s Military | United States Institute of Peace \(usip.org\)](#)
- Myanmar’s Criminal Zones: A Growing Threat to Regional Stability, *USIP Analysis and Commentary*, November 9, 2022, [Myanmar’s Criminal Zones: A Growing Threat to Global Security | United States Institute of Peace \(usip.org\)](#)
- China Bets Strategic Projects, Regional Stability on Myanmar Coup Regime, *USIP Analysis and Commentary*, July 14, 2022, [China Bets Strategic Projects, Regional Stability on Myanmar Coup Regime | United States Institute of Peace \(usip.org\)](#)
- Southeast Asia’s Fictional Consensus on Myanmar, *Inkstick Media*, May 12, 2022, [Southeast Asia’s Fictional Consensus on Myanmar - Inkstick \(inkstickmedia.com\)](#)
- The Myanmar Army’s Criminal Alliance, *USIP Analysis and Commentary*, March 7, 2022, [The Myanmar Army’s Criminal Alliance | United States Institute of Peace \(usip.org\)](#)
- China’s Subjugation of ASEAN is a great leap backward for Myanmar, *Nikkei Asia Opinion*, June 16, 2021, [China’s subjugation of ASEAN is a great leap backward for Myanmar - Nikkei Asia](#)
- Jason Tower and Priscilla Clapp, Myanmar’s Casino Cities: The Role of China and Transnational Criminal Networks, *USIP Special Report*, July 2020, [Myanmar’s Casino Cities: The Role of China and Transnational Criminal Networks | United States Institute of Peace \(usip.org\)](#).

- Conflict Dynamics and the Belt and Road Initiative: Ignoring Conflict on the ‘Road to Peace,’ Analysis 97, Bread for the World, 2020, [Analyse97-en.pdf \(brot-fuer-die-welt.de\)](#).
- “The 3.6 Billion Dollar Lesson: Beyond the us vs. them Business Model,” in Ru Freeman, Editor, *Indivisible: Global Leaders on Shared Security*, Interlink Publishing Group, November 2018.
- Belts, Roads and Battlegrounds, Stimson Center Emerging Powers Project, January 2017 (<https://www.stimson.org/content/belts-roads-and-battlegrounds-chinese-outbound-initiatives-conflict-and-post-conflict>)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE TRUTH-IN-TESTIMONY DISCLOSURE FORM

In General. The attached form is intended to assist witnesses appearing before the Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party in complying with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5) of the Rules of the House of Representatives and Rule III (b)(4) of the Select Committee Rules. The full text of both Rules is included below in Attachment A.

INSTRUCTIONS

(1) - (3) *Name, Title, Entity(ies).* Please provide the name and title of the witness and the entity or entities on whose behalf the witness is testifying.

(4) *Governmental Entity.* Please identify whether the witness is testifying on behalf of a US government entity, such as a Federal department or agency, or a State or local department, agency, or jurisdiction. Trade or professional associations of public officials are not considered to be governmental entities.

If the witness is *not* appearing on behalf of a US government entity, then the witness must complete Questions 5-9.

(5) *US Government Grants and Contracts.* Please list any Federal grants (including subgrants) or contracts (including subcontracts) that you or the entity or entities you represent in the hearing have received within the last 36 months.

Only grants or contracts related to the subject matter of the hearing must be disclosed.

For each contract or grant required to be disclosed, please include the amount and the source.

(6) *Foreign Government Payments and Grants.* Please list any payments or grants that you or an entity that pays you more than \$10,000/year have received in the last 36 months from a foreign government, a foreign political party, or an agent thereof.

Only payments or grants related to the subject matter of the hearing must be disclosed.

For each payment or grant required to be disclosed, please include the amount and source.

(7) *Foreign Adversaries and Their Agents.* This section only pertains to China, Russia, Iran, Cuba, Venezuela, and the DPRK. Please list any payments, grants, or in-kind contributions that you or an entity that pays you more than \$10,000/year have received in the last five years from an agent of a foreign adversary.

An agent of a foreign adversary means a government or political party of China, Russia, Iran, Cuba, Venezuela, or the DPRK; AND state-owned entities in which one of those governments or political parties has a 10% stake or more; AND entities that are subject to the direction, ownership, control, or influence of any of the entities described above; AND agents of any of the entities described in this paragraph.

For each payment, grant, or contribution required to be disclosed, please include the amount and source.

- (8) ***Fiduciary Capacity.*** Please check the box indicating whether you are a fiduciary of any organization or entity with an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

If you select YES, please disclose the organization(s) or entity(ies).

- (9) ***Curriculum Vitae.*** Please attach your CV to your completed disclosure form.

Submission. Please sign and date the form in the appropriate place. Please submit this form with your written testimony at least two business days before your scheduled testimony. Your testimony and disclosure form may be submitted to the Committee by email at [Austen.Adcock@mail.house.gov].

ATTACHMENT A

The full text of the relevant Rules is provided below.

Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5) of the Rules of the House of Representatives

(B) In the case of a witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include – (i) a curriculum vitae; (ii) a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (iii) a disclosure of whether the witness is a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing. (C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B)(ii) shall include – (i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government. (D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form 24 hours before the witness appears to the extent practicable, but not later than one day after the witness appears.

Select Committee Rule III, clause (b)(4)

(b) Written Witness Statement; Oral Testimony.

- (4) *Truth in Testimony.* Each witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity shall include with the written statement of his or her proposed testimony, to the greatest extent practicable:
- (A) a curriculum vitae;
 - (B) a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing;
 - (C) a disclosure of any payments or grants from a foreign government, foreign political party, or agent thereof within the past 36 months to any entity from which the witness is compensated more than \$10,000 a year and related to the subject matter of the hearing;
 - (D) with respect to a foreign adversary, a disclosure of any payments, grants, or in-kind contributions from any agent of a foreign adversary within the past five years to any entity from which the witness is compensated more than \$10,000 a year;
 - (E) a disclosure of whether the witness is a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of a hearing.

The disclosure shall include the amount, country of origin, and entity originating any payment, grant, or in-kind contribution required to be disclosed.

An “agent of a foreign adversary” means (i) a government or political party of a foreign adversary; (ii) any entity in which an entity identified in subpart (i) owns a 10% stake or greater; (iii) any entity subject to the direction, ownership, control, or influence of an entity identified in subparts (i) or (ii); and (iv) any agent of an entity identified in subparts (i)-(iii).

A “foreign adversary” means the People’s Republic of China, the Republic of Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, and the Maduro regime of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.