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States and the Chinese Communist Party Hearing
“Import Controls: Tools to Counter the CCP's Industrial Policy and
Supply Chain Threat”
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Thank you, Chairman Moolenaar, for calling attention to this critical national security threat.

Regrettably, I was unable to attend today's House Select Committee on the CCP hearing in person due to an unavoidable, direct conflict with the House Financial Services Committee legislative markup. There, I was actively presenting and debating two of my bipartisan bills that officially passed out of committee today: the *TRAPS Act* and the *CLEAR Forms Act*. Together, these bills take major steps to protect Iowa seniors and families from predatory payment scams while cutting red tape so retirees can easily understand their insurance and retirement options.

While my work in Financial Services protects Iowans' pocketbooks at home, securing our nation's trade policy is also vital to our state's future. Given the profound national security implications of import controls and their direct impact on Iowa's agricultural economy, I am submitting these comments for the record to address the future of our national supply chain.

When discussing the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) industrial policy, we must be clear: this is not fair, open-market competition. It is a deliberate, state-sponsored economic strategy designed to undercut American industry, corner global markets, and construct dangerous supply chain dependencies that Beijing can weaponize against the United States at a moment's notice.

This threat increasingly extends to the foundational technologies embedded in products Americans rely on everyday, from family minivans to agricultural combines. To address this risk, I am proud to cosponsor Chairman Moolenaar's *Connected Vehicle Security Act of 2026*, which safeguards American software, hardware, and artificial intelligence capabilities from CCP exploitation and oversight.

Unfortunately, this security risk is not limited to the technology sector. In my home state of Iowa, these critical supply chain dependencies directly threaten the agricultural inputs our farmers depend upon to feed our nation.

We saw exactly why these dependencies are dangerous with fertilizer earlier this year. When Beijing restricted exports of critical fertilizers right before planting season, it added pressure to an already-tight global market and sent costs soaring for American farmers at the worst possible time.

That is unacceptable. Our farmers should never be forced to depend on a foreign adversary for the inputs they need to put a crop in the ground.

To confront this vulnerability, I led efforts this year with the Administration to officially add phosphate and potash to the U.S. Critical Minerals List. Additionally, I partnered with my colleague on this Committee, Representative Kathy Castor, to urge the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to develop a whole-of-government strategy to secure our fertilizer supply chain.

As today's hearing underscores, Congress also needs to remain clear-eyed about what's at stake and make bold moves across all sectors to counter CCP state-backed market manipulation to our industries. That is why I introduced the *Neutralizing Unfair Chinese Subsidies Act*—legislative action designed to confront Beijing's market manipulation head-on and restore a level playing field across the board for domestic producers.

I look forward to continuing my work to create a proactive, comprehensive strategy that secures critical American supply chains, supports our agricultural sector, and holds the CCP accountable at the same time.