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The Honorable Jacob J. Lew
Secretary of Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
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Dear Secretary Lew:

As you are already aware, the communist Chinese have accelerated their acquisition of U.S. companies at an alarming rate. Media reports continue to bring such acquisitions to light on a regular basis. For instance, the Chinese company Zoomlion is attempting to purchase Terex, which manufactures heavy equipment for the Department of Defense, among others.

While these takeovers raise numerous red flags, the national security implications are most troubling. American servicemembers are currently deployed around the globe engaged in the fight for freedom. The very least we owe to these brave American heroes is for our federal government to thoroughly scrutinize foreign purchases of American companies that provide important resources to American servicemembers. Mr. Secretary, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), you are tasked with the important role of approval or rejection of such foreign acquisitions. I strongly caution you to apply robust scrutiny to any possible Chinese takeover of an American company that supplies resources to our servicemembers. While our brave men and women are protecting us abroad, it is imperative that those of serving in public roles protect them at home.

I appreciate you looking into this important matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Walter B. Jones
Member of Congress

cc: President Barack Obama
Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter