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Chairman Frank Lucas
House Agriculture Committee
1301 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Lucas:

I am writing to respectfully request that you hold a hearing to examine the proposed sale of Smithfield Foods, Inc. – the world's biggest pork producer and processor – to China's Shuanghui International Holdings Limited. As you may know, this would be the largest-ever acquisition of an American corporation by a Chinese company.

Like a large number of Americans, many of my constituents have serious concerns with the proposal's potential impact on American jobs, as well our national security, food safety and food supply, and intellectual property rights.

Under the process set up by the Foreign Investment and National Security Act of 2007, the Obama administration will ultimately determine whether or not to approve the sale. However, that is no excuse for the Congress to ignore the matter. The Senate Agriculture Committee has announced that it will hold a hearing on the Smithfield acquisition in mid-July. I believe it would be appropriate for the House Agriculture Committee to do so as well.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Walter B. Jones
Member of Congress

Thank you!