

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Janet Yellen
Secretary of Treasury
Department of Treasury
Washington, DC 20528

The Honorable Lloyd J. Austin III
Secretary of Defense
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Dear Secretary Yellen and Secretary Austin:

We write to request the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) investigate the planned investment in a 333,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Johnson County, Kansas by Cnano Technologies, USA Inc. (Cnano USA). Research into this entity from the Heritage Foundation and Daily Caller exposed ties between Cnano USA and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)¹ Considering this manufacturing facility is being built just 35 miles from Fort Leavenworth in Kansas, approximately 20 miles from the Kansas City National Security Campus, and 70 miles from Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri, we request your immediate attention to grant CFIUS jurisdiction to review this real estate transaction by foreign persons pursuant to section 721 of the Defense Production Act of 1950².

Further troubling, Cnano USA is a wholly owned subsidiary of C-Nano Technology Co., Ltd., itself a subsidiary of the China-based Cnano Jiangsu Technology Co., Ltd. (Cnano Jiangsu). Research shows that Cnano Jiangsu employs dozens of CCP members and pursues the party's aggressive agenda, which includes attempting to steal intellectual property abroad, often from the U.S.

In a telling move, the Chinese parent company of Cnano USA, C-Nano Technology Co., Ltd., scrubbed its website less than a week after reports came out of Cnano's ties to the CCP³. The Daily Caller recently reported that Cnano Jiangsu participated in the Chinese government's so-called "863 Program"⁴. The 863 program supports the development of China's military and "provides funding and guidance for efforts to clandestinely acquire U.S. technology and sensitive economic information," according to the U.S. Director of National Intelligence. It

¹ **Daily Caller, EXCLUSIVE: CCP-Tied Firm Slated To Build Massive Facility Near Sensitive US Military Sites,**
<https://dailycaller.com/2023/12/22/ccp-military-facility-heartland-kansas/>

² **Provisions Pertaining to Certain Transactions by Foreign Persons Involving Real Estate in the United States**

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/05/05/2023-09259/provisions-pertaining-to-certain-transactions-by-foreign-persons-involving-real-estate-in-the-united>

³ **Chinese Firm Scrubs Website After DCFNF Reveals Communist Party And Military Ties**

<https://dailycaller.com/2024/01/04/chinese-firm-scrubs-website-after-dcnf-reveals-communist-party-and-military-ties/>

⁴ **Foreign Spies Stealing US Economic Secrets in Cyberspace**

https://www.dni.gov/files/documents/Newsroom/Reports%20and%20Pubs/20111103_report_fecie.pdf

would be entirely unacceptable and a national security risk for Cnano USA and any Chinese owned entity to establish itself in the backyard of Whiteman AFB, Kansas City National Security Campus and Fort Leavenworth.

Considering the importance of Whiteman Air Force Base as the only operational B-2 bomber base and second preferred location to receive the B-21 bomber—it's paramount that we protect the assets at this installation from any possible espionage efforts from the CCP. The B-2 represents a critical leg of our nuclear triad, projecting American air power and deterring adversaries strategically and conventionally. The B-21 is our nation's next generation version of this capability and will be the backbone of our bomber force.

Fort Leavenworth also represents a critical part of our national security and readiness with the Command and General Staff College educating nearly 5,000 U.S. Army Majors and interagency personnel annually. As the home of the US Army Combined Arms Center, the "Intellectual Center of the Army," Fort Leavenworth plays a crucial role in force modernization as we prepare for enemies that are better equipped and trained than any we have faced in decades.

Kansas City National Security Campus (KCNSC) is one of eight sites that comprise the National Nuclear Security Administration, where the site is responsible for the manufacturing of 80% of non-nuclear components that go into our nation's nuclear stockpile. KCNSC develops advanced solutions for complex national security issues, from prototype simulations to production to quality testing. Along with safeguarding the country's nuclear weapons, the KCNSC team is charged with leading other critical missions that are important to the Department of Energy and our national security.

For the reasons aforementioned, we request your swift response by February 16, 2024, detailing your plan to include Whiteman Air Force Base, Kansas City National Security Campus and Fort Leavenworth in the next list of installations to be reviewed by CFIUS pursuant to section 721 of the Defense Production Act of 1950. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mark Alford
Member of Congress



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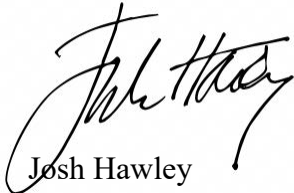
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