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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
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Dear President Trump:

It is with great pride that the United States remains at the forefront of technological innovation. We continue to lead in the development of digital devices and services that people around the world rely on in their daily lives, while also adding billions of dollars to our economy. But this dominance, as well as our economic and national security, is being threatened by the People's Republic of China (PRC), under the rule of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Under CCP leadership, the PRC has made significant strides in their quest to overtake the United States as the world's technology leader by subsidizing and stealing technology across a wide range of industries, including communications technologies, all of which puts Americans at risk.

The PRC also seeks to sideline the United States in international telecommunication and technology standards bodies. If successful, our allies and partners around the world may increasingly turn to CCP-backed entities for telecommunications solutions and digital services, eroding the influence of our world-class American and allied information and communications technology industries and compromising our shared economic and security interests.

With this in mind, we write about upcoming international engagements at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). The ITU is responsible for international coordination of communications services, including global spectrum allocations and satellite orbits. U.S. participation in the ITU is essential to maintaining our competitive edge in the global economy.

The ITU's Plenipotentiary Conference takes place later this year and will oversee the election of multiple positions within the organization, including Secretary-General, the 48-seat Council that governs the ITU, and 12 Radio Regulations Board members. It is imperative that the U.S. government give its full support to those Americans being considered for these positions, including the re-election of current Secretary-General Doreen Bogdan-Martin. Secretary-General

Bogdan-Martin has demonstrated clear leadership and experience throughout her tenure at the ITU and should be reelected.

Additionally, the ITU announced last year that it would hold the 2027 World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC-27) in Shanghai, China. We appreciate that, despite the location and the inevitable challenges that come with it, your Administration recognizes that the United States should remain an active participant in this conference. Participants will make key decisions that will establish the spectrum bands and technical rules for next-generation communications technology, including 6G, for the satellite and commercial mobile radio industries. It will also be an important opportunity to promote our nation's prior policy position of utilizing the entire 6 gigahertz (GHz) band for Wi-Fi and other unlicensed uses.

To ensure our best opportunity for success at WRC-27, it is essential that our nation coordinates across all federal agencies and with the private sector to establish clear, unified positions for WRC-27. This should include defending the U.S. position on the 6 GHz band for unlicensed use as well as identifying additional bands for International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) service. Failing to establish clear national positions on these matters risks undercutting our own advocacy and giving the PRC the upper hand.

We also appreciate your recent nomination of Adam Cassady as Ambassador at Large for Cyberspace and Digital Policy to lead these efforts as it is an important step forward. Nevertheless, we respectfully request a briefing on your Administration's efforts to prepare for these upcoming engagements, including efforts to support the candidacies of Secretary-General Bogdan-Martin and other Americans, the timelines for developing consensus positions and working with partners and allies in our region and beyond, as well as the status of negotiations of the Host Country Agreement with the PRC.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you and your Administration to ensure the United States continues to be a global technology leader.

Sincerely,



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