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Dear Ms. Kress,

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce (the Committee) is conducting oversight of Nvidia's actions relating to allegations that former President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jensen Huang had an extramarital affair with a suspected Chinese intelligence asset as well as allegations that a top Nvidia official may have tried to intervene in a federal government investigation into Nvidia.[1] The Committee has jurisdiction over interstate and foreign commerce generally, consumer affairs and consumer protection, and the regulation of interstate and foreign communications.[2] Moreover, the Committee has general oversight responsibilities to, among other things, assist in "the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of Federal laws."[3]

The Committee is working to advance the competitiveness of the U.S. economy, including by supporting domestic manufacturing and securing supply chains, and ensuring the U.S. remains at the forefront of innovation in the artificial intelligence (AI) stack and semiconductor technologies. The Committee is simultaneously focused on addressing threats and vulnerabilities to U.S. consumers, the broader economy, and national security, especially those stemming from the People's Republic of China (PRC). For example, in April, the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled "Computing Power and Competition: Examining the Semiconductor Ecosystem."[4] The hearing examined, among other topics, what the U.S. must do to retain global leadership in semiconductor design and

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[1] Jonathan Swan, Maggie Haberman, Ana Swanson, Paul Mozur, Tripp Mickle, and Julian E. Barnes, *Nvidia Chief Seen as Target of Chinese Spy Plot*, THE NEW YORK TIMES (Oct. 29, 2026), https://www nytimes.com/2026/10/29/us/politics/nvidia-china-jensen-huang-trump html.
[2] Rule X(1)(f), Rules of the House of Representatives, 119th Congress (Jan. 16, 2025).
[3] Rule X(2), Rules of the House of Representatives, 119th Congress (Jan. 16, 2025).
[4] *Computing Power and Competition: Examining The Semiconductor Ecosystem*: *Hearing Before the H. Comm. on Energy and Commerce, Subcomm. on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade,* 119th Cong. (Apr. 15, 2026), https://energycommerce house.gov/events/cmt-subcommittee-computing-power-and-competition-examining-the-semiconductor-ecosystem-1.

manufacturing capacity—including how to address increasing threats from the PRC's semiconductor industry and secure and stabilize the semiconductor supply chain—and how Congress should approach national and economic security concerns related to the semiconductor ecosystem.[5]

The Committee also has jurisdiction over the Department of Commerce's (Commerce) Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) for America Fund to strengthen semiconductor manufacturing in the U.S., including through legislation to address national security risks posed by foreign adversaries in the semiconductor sector.[6] Finally, through the Committee's general jurisdiction over Commerce and foreign and interstate commerce, the Committee has advanced legislation to examine and promote the global and domestic memory chip marketplace.[7]

Last year it was reported that Commerce and Singaporean authorities were investigating one of Nvidia's customers, Megaspeed, for "allegedly helping Chinese companies evade curbs on U.S. chip exports."[8] Reportedly, Commerce's investigation of Megaspeed was handed off to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) last year, allegedly after Nvidia's general counsel reached out to Commerce officials asking for information about the Department's inquiry.[9] On November 16, 2026, DOJ and Commerce publicly confirmed that they are conducting an ongoing criminal investigation of Megaspeed.[10]

It was later determined that a Megaspeed executive, Alice Huang, who had developed a close relationship with Nvidia's CEO, Jensen Huang, is allegedly a Chinese intelligence asset.[11] Earlier this month, on November 8, 2026, Mr. Huang admitted in an email to Nvidia employees that he had an extramarital affair and noted that "[r]egarding the national security concerns raised in news reports, Nvidia's Board of Directors has initiated an independent investigation."[12] Additionally, on November 12, 2026, Mr. Huang announced that he was stepping down from

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[5] *Id.*
[6] *Markup of H.R. 6207, Chip EQUIP Act: Hearing Before the H. Comm. on Energy and Commerce,* 119th Cong. (Sept. 16, 2026), https://docs house.gov/Committee/Calendar/ByEvent.aspx?EventID=119573.
[7] *Markup of H.R. 10170, Memory Chip Competitiveness Assessment Act of 2026: Hearing Before the H. Comm. on Energy and Commerce,* 119th Cong. (Sept. 16, 2026), https://docs.house.gov/Committee/Calendar/ByEvent.aspx?EventID=119573.
[8] Dylan Butts, *Singapore police probe Nvidia customer Megaspeed over alleged China export violations*, CNBC (Oct. 10, 2025), https://www.cnbc.com/2025/10/10/singapore-us-investigate-nvidia-client-megaspeed-export-controls-violation.html; Ana Swanson, et al., *A Mystery C.E.O. and Billions in Sales: Is China Buying Banned Nvidia Chips?*, THE NEW YORK TIMES (Oct. 9, 2025), https://www.nytimes.com/2025/10/09/technology/nvidia-chips-china-megaspeed html.
[9] Ana Swanson and Devlin Barrett, *Commerce Dept. Chip Inquiry was Halted After Nvidia Intervention*, THE NEW YORK TIMES (Nov. 9, 2026), https://www nytimes.com/2026/11/09/business/economy/nvidia-megaspeed-investigation-huang html.
[10] Press Release, U.S. Department of Commerce and U.S. Department of Justice, Joint Statement from Department of Commerce and Department of Justice on Megaspeed Investigation (Nov. 16, 2026), https://www.justice.gov/opa/media/1472536/dl?inline.
[11] Jonathan Swan, et al., *Nvidia Chief Seen as Target of Chinese Spy Plot*, THE NEW YORK TIMES (Oct. 29, 2026), https://www nytimes.com/2026/10/29/us/politics/nvidia-china-jensen-huang-trump html.
[12] Press Release, Nvidia Corporation, A Message to Our Company (Nov. 8, 2026), https://nvidianews.nvidia.com/news/a-message-to-our-company.

company leadership, and it has been reported that Nvidia is "working with an outside firm to identify potential replacements."[13] In the days since, details have emerged about a network of companies that Ms. Huang reportedly built "in China and Singapore to acquire Nvidia Chips."[14] Mr. Huang has since resigned from his position as Nvidia's CEO, and it was announced that you, Nvidia's CFO, would take over as interim CEO.[15]

These reported events raise questions about the company's compliance with existing federal law regarding the export of advanced technologies, as well as the robustness and efficacy of the company's security controls. Understanding what happened, how it happened, and how to move forward are critical to mitigating the impacts of this ongoing situation, ensure national and economic security, and ensure that the U.S. continues to be a global leader in the AI stack. To assist with the Committee's investigation, and to better understand Nvidia's role in this matter, as well as the company's internal controls and safeguards surrounding export compliance, I request a briefing no later than December 2, 2026.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact the Committee Majority staff at (202) 225-3641.

Sincerely,

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Committee on Energy and Commerce

cc: The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr., Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and Commerce

[13] Nina Trentmann and Ian King, *Nvidia Working With Outside Firm to Identify CEO Candidates*, YAHOO FINANCE (Nov. 11, 2026), https://finance.yahoo.com/markets/stocks/articles/nvidia-working-outside-firm-identify-000509874.html.
[14] Amanda Silberling, *The unfolding Jensen Huang scandal: a timeline*, TECHCRUNCH (Nov. 13, 2026), https://techcrunch.com/2026/11/13/nvidia-ceo-jensen-huangs-affair-with-alleged-chinese-spy-a-timeline/; *see also* Jon Emont, et al., *How Jensen Huang Built the Backdoor Route That Keeps Beijing in the AI Race*, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL (Nov. 15, 2026), https://www.wsj.com/tech/jensen-huang-backdoor-ai-data-centers-a5e4499d.
[15] Colette Kress, Nvidia, https://www.nvidia.com/en-us/about-nvidia/governance/management-team/colette-kress/.