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The Honorable Jeffrey Kessler
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Dear Secretary Lutnick and Under Secretary Kessler:

Pursuant to Rules X of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce (the Committee) has jurisdiction over interstate and foreign commerce generally, consumer affairs and consumer protection, and the regulation of interstate and foreign communications.[1] Moreover, the Committee has general responsibilities to, among other things, assist in "the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of Federal laws."[2] As such, the Committee seeks further information from the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) regarding the implementation of federal laws governing technology exports, in particular the application of export controls relating to semiconductor chips, the effect of which has a broad impact on America's race with China to artificial intelligence (AI) dominance and the ability of U.S. companies to set global technology standards.

Along with Commerce, the Committee has been working hard 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 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."[3] The hearing examined, among other topics, what the U.S. must do to retain global leadership in semiconductor design and manufacturing capacity—including how to address increasing threats from the PRC's semiconductor industry and secure and stabilize the semiconductor supply chain—and how

[1] Rule X(1)(f), Rules of the House of Representatives, 119th Congress (Jan. 16, 2025).
[2] Rule X(2), Rules of the House of Representatives, 119th Congress (Jan. 16, 2025).
[3] *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.

Congress should approach national and economic security concerns related to the semiconductor ecosystem.[4]

The Committee also has jurisdiction over Commerce's 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.[5] 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.[6]

Since late October, the relationship between Jensen Huang, the now former President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Nvidia, and Alice Huang, an executive for Megaspeed and an alleged Chinese intelligence asset, has become publicly known.[7] Previous investigations into Ms. Huang's employer, Megaspeed, allegedly led to concerns that the company may have been operating as a front organization to assist Chinese companies in illegally acquiring advanced U.S. semiconductors.[8] Reportedly, Commerce became suspicious of Megaspeed following a Malaysia data center site visit in 2024, in which it observed Nvidia equipment still in boxes and evidence of the site being used to illegally smuggle AI chips into China.[9] Commerce reportedly spent months investigating suspected smuggling by Megaspeed.[10] On November 16, 2026, Commerce and the U.S. Department of Justice publicly confirmed that they are conducting an ongoing criminal investigation of Megaspeed.[11]

Given the Committee's jurisdiction over interstate and foreign commerce, the semiconductor ecosystem, domestic manufacturing competitiveness, and the implementation of the CHIPS for America program, along with the Megaspeed investigation, the Committee seeks to further understand Commerce's actions and how they align with broader U.S. national and

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[4] *Id.*
[5] *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.
[6] *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.
[7] 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.
[8] *See,* e.g. 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; Demetri Sevastopulo, *US believes Nvidia's Huang had romantic relationship with alleged Chinese spy*, THE FINANCIAL TIMES (Nov. 6., 2026), https://www ft.com/content/a55a2a22-4479-4f93-a445-6147a5c6d790?syn-25a6b1a6=1.
[9] *Id*.
[10] 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.
[11] 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.

economic security interests. To assist the Committee in these efforts, 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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