

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 10, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Matthew Olsen
Assistant Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
National Security Division
Washington, D.C., 20530

The Honorable Christopher Wray
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C., 20520

Dear Director Wray and Mr. Olsen:

We write to express deep concern with mounting allegations of Chinese surveillance that is occurring within the United States homeland. Recent reporting indicates that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has secretly operated “service centers” in seven cities across America—from San Francisco to Houston to Charlotte. Specifically, because of reporting from the Daily Caller News Foundation, we have learned that the CCP has been utilizing “Overseas Chinese Service Centers” (OCSCs) housed within American-based nonprofit organizations.¹ These OCSCs—which were apparently established to “promote Chinese culture and assist Chinese citizens living abroad”—reportedly coordinated with China’s Ministry of Public Security (MPS), the Chinese national police agency.² The MPS also serves as an intelligence operative for the CCP, which is why these allegations are so troubling and merit immediate investigation. The CCP’s intent is clear with its operation of these OCSCs: to intimidate and surveil Chinese Americans with dissenting opinions.

This would not be the first instance of concerning Chinese activity on American soil. In April, the Department of Justice (DOJ) charged two New York City residents with operating an unauthorized MPS police outpost, which was ostensibly used to monitor and intimidate Chinese dissidents living in the United States.³ Just as troubling, in February, the U.S. Air Force shot down a Chinese spy balloon that had traveled through U.S. airspace for several days, an apparent act of provocation by the CCP. Taken together, these troubling events demonstrate the need to take serious the real and ongoing threats that China poses to our national security. Thus, it is imperative for the Biden administration to act decisively.

We have witnessed over the last few years China’s malign influence in the United States and around the world, underscoring why it is critical that these allegations outlined in the *Daily Caller*’s reporting be thoroughly investigated. Thus, we request that the FBI and DOJ immediately commence an inquiry into this matter. Additionally, we request a response to the following questions by July 17, 2023:

¹ Philip Lenczycki, *Chinese Intel Arm Quietly Operates ‘Service Centers’ in 7 US Cities*, DAILY CALLER (June 17, 2023, 11:48 AM), <https://dailycaller.com/2023/06/17/china-intelligence-service-centers-ccp/>.


² *Id.*

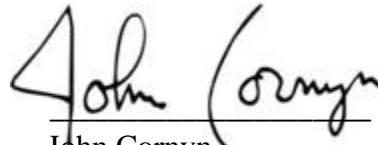
³ Press Release, U.S. Department of Justice, *Two Arrested for Operating Illegal Overseas Police Station of the Chinese Government* (June 26, 2023), <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-arrested-operating-illegal-overseas-police-station-chinese-government>.

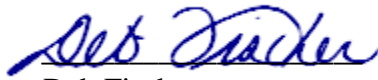
1. Has your agency instituted an investigation into the allegations of OCSCs being stationed in the United States?
 - a. If your agency has not instituted such investigation, do you commit to immediately commencing one?
2. Do you agree that the intent of these OCSCs is to coerce and surveil Chinese American dissidents?
3. Are you aware of any efforts by the CCP to expand these OCSCs into more cities throughout the United States?

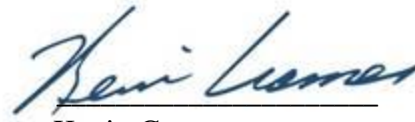
Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

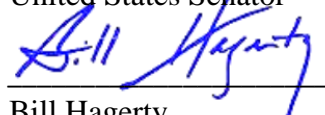
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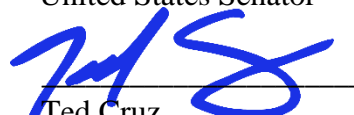

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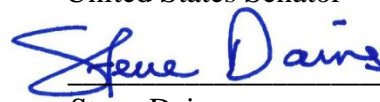

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