



December 12, 2024

The Honorable Antony Blinken
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C St., NW
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Dear Secretary Blinken,

It is our understanding that as early as December 13, 2024, the Biden Administration will announce a five-year extension of the U.S.-People's Republic of China (PRC) Science and Technology Agreement (STA). This comes after Congress has repeatedly urged the Administration to suspend the STA or, at minimum, impose additional guardrails for protection of human rights and U.S. intellectual property.¹ However, it seems the Biden Administration is prepared to do neither.

Earlier this fall, the House overwhelmingly passed Representative Andy Barr's "Science and Technology Agreement Enhanced Congressional Notification Act" which would have, among other things, required notification of any renewal at least 15 days in advance of any agreement and mandated any renewal of the STA contain explicit protections for human rights and restrictions on dual-use research.² While not yet law, the Biden Administration's decision to ignore Congress's articulated guardrails is alarming.

Furthermore, a renewal of the STA in the final days of the administration is a clear attempt to tie the hands of the incoming administration and deny them the opportunity to either leave the agreement or negotiate a better deal for the American people.

We urge you to immediately suspend efforts to renew the U.S.-PRC STA prior to January 20, 2025. If the Biden Administration is confident their new agreement with the PRC will

¹ House Select Committee on the CCP. June 27, 2023. "Letter to Secretary Blinken on Science and Technology Agreement." <https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/media/letters/letter-secretary-blinken-science-and-technology-agreement>

² Office of Representative Andy Barr. September 10, 2024. "Press Release: House Passes Barr's Legislation to Strengthen Oversight on U.S.-China Science Technology Agreement." <https://barr.house.gov/2024/9/house-passes-barr-s-legislation-to-strengthen-oversight-on-u-s-china-science-technology-agreement>

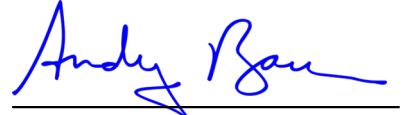
adequately protect U.S. national security, then they should have no problem making the case for renewal to the incoming administration.

Thank you for your swift action on this matter.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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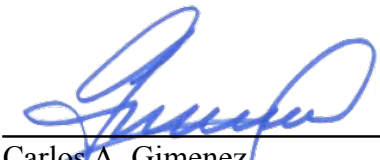
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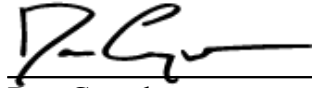
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