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Mr. Michael F. Gerber
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The Honorable Dana K. Bilyeu
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Ms. Stacie Olivares
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Ms. Leona M. Bridges
Commissioner
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Dear Mr. Gerber, Ms. Bilyeu, Ms. Olivares, and Ms. Bridges:

We are deeply concerned by the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board's (FRTIB) history of voting to invest federal employees' retirement savings into China-based companies, including firms involved in the Chinese government's military, espionage, human rights abuses, and aggressive industrial policy designed to undermine U.S. industry. The FRTIB's previous actions have demonstrated a willingness to invest American retirement savings into Chinese companies working to undermine U.S. interests and national security, as well as exposing federal employees' retirement savings to considerable risk. This cannot be allowed in the future.

We have repeatedly voiced our concerns with the FRTIB's 2017 decision to change the Thrift Savings Plan's (TSP) International Stock Fund, or the "I Fund," to mirror the MSCI All Country World ex-U.S. Investable Market Index. In 2020, after considerable congressional pressure, the FRTIB announced that it had "deferred" the I Fund's transition to a new benchmark index. Today, the fund continues to mirror the MSCI Europe, Australasia and Far East (EAFE) Index. Had the planned transition taken place, China would be receiving the third-most investment of any nation in the fund, potentially exposing billions of dollars in federal employee retirement assets to risks associated with many of the Chinese companies included in the index.

We write asking for your commitment to protect federal employees' savings and the national security of the United States. In particular:

- Do you commit to ensuring that the TSP's I Fund does not mirror the MSCI All Country World ex-U.S. Investable Market Index?
- Do you commit to ensuring that no sums in the Thrift Savings Fund are invested in any security that is listed on an exchange in a jurisdiction in which the PCAOB is prevented from conducting a complete inspection or investigation of a registered public accounting

firm under section 104 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 because of a position taken by an authority in that jurisdiction, as determined by the PCAOB?


- Do you commit to voting to ensure that no federal employee retirement funds go to any Chinese firms that undermine U.S. national security?

We look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

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Marco Rubio
U.S. Senator

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tommy Tuberville'.

Tommy Tuberville
U.S. Senator

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Cotton'.

Tom Cotton
U.S. Senator