

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Marco Rubio  
Secretary  
Department of State  
2201 C St NW  
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March 16, 2026

Dear Secretary Rubio:

I am writing to urge you to encourage U.S. diplomatic missions to address the ongoing threat of Chinese telecommunications networks around the world, especially in developing countries where the U.S. has significant interests and invests considerable taxpayer resources.

During the first Trump and Biden Administrations, the U.S. led efforts to restrict the use of Chinese vendors in telecommunications networks. The United States demonstrated its commitment to keep untrusted vendor equipment out of our networks just recently when the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) closed loopholes allowing Huawei-affiliated test labs to operate in the U.S. and we applaud those efforts. Some of our partners and allies, including Australia, India, Japan, Sweden, and United Kingdom have joined us in this effort and enacted similar restrictions. Unfortunately, Huawei [continues to grow](#) its market share around the world including in areas of Latin America such as Argentina, Africa such as Egypt, Nigeria, and Asia such as Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand. Even European countries like Germany, Spain, Italy and Switzerland have utilized untrusted vendor equipment, contributing to China's efforts to dominate global 5G infrastructure, although we commend Spain for recently cancelling a contract with Huawei after raised concerns.

As the former Vice Chairman of the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee, you [regularly highlighted](#) the national security concerns associated with Huawei, ZTE and Chinese equipment manufacturers. In your role as Secretary of State, I request you further equip our ambassadors with as much information as possible about the magnitude of this threat and urge them to prioritize secure telecommunications networks in all infrastructure-related discussions with foreign governments.

There is also an opportunity at the G7 in 2026 to make commitments to prioritize secure and trusted telecommunication networks, and other cooperation formats. The Global

Communications on the Global Coalition on Telecommunications and Quadilateral Security Dialogue should increase the emphasis on promoted trusted telecommunication suppliers from allied nations. Working together with the European Union (EU) to fully implement the EU 5G toolbox, along with making commitments that ensure 6G in EU will be deployed with only trusted suppliers from the outset, should be at the center of transatlantic trusted digital tech stack cooperation. The United States must also demonstrate clear leadership at the World Radiocommunication Conference in 2027 and promote trusted telecommunication suppliers over next-generation wireless networks. This will ensure future 6G and beyond networks are built on secure and trusted technological foundations.

We must ensure the integrity and resilience of global telecommunications networks in allied nations and developing countries where the U.S. maintains vital economic, military, security, stability and democratic interests. American Ambassadors should similarly carry forth the message that supporting Huawei, ZTE and other untrusted vendors undermines national security and exposes citizens around the world to unacceptable risks. Together with our partners and allies, we must safeguard the integrity and resilience of global communications networks to protect our shared economic, security, and democratic interests.

Sincerely,



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Richard Hudson  
Member of Congress



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Marc A. Veasey  
Member of Congress



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Russell Fry  
Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



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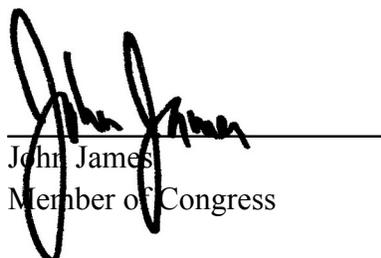
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Thomas H. Kean, Jr.  
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Member of Congress



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John James  
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Morgan Griffith  
Member of Congress