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The Honorable Howard Lutnick
Secretary of Commerce
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C.

Dear Secretary Lutnick,

I write today to urge you to immediately reverse the Trump Administration's decision to let Nvidia sell its H20 AI chips to China. This decision undercuts the American military, American AI dominance, and American jobs, just to pad one company's bottom line.

Every chip we send to China narrows the technology gap between our military and China's military. China's chips are just not as good as ours. But imagine if President Truman had decided to give the Soviet Union our nuclear material during the Cold War so they could make more and better bombs. Handing these chips over to China amounts to equipping the People's Liberation Army with AI-enabled attack drones, missile targeting systems, and battlefield decision software—all of which China would aim against U.S. servicemembers in a conflict.

Handing over these chips to China also undercuts our AI dominance, which is essential to making sure the jobs of the future are located in America and not China. There is already an AI chip shortage at home. Last year, U.S. companies had to wait almost a year to get Nvidia's AI chips. Now, they will have to compete with Chinese companies.

In Michigan, our manufacturing towns are fully aware of how we lose American jobs when we give away large swaths of our economy to China. We are willfully making the same mistake again. An adviser to the United Steelworkers union said last week, "There are real questions as to whether the Nvidia export control decision will really advance our interests or China's and whether jobs are being traded away."

President Trump's decision to allow China to buy these chips reflects a troubling pattern: when it comes to China, this Administration has repeatedly caved, putting Chinese demands and corporate profits over our national security. If this trend continues, it will be the American people, our troops, and our economy that pay the price. Given this, I urge you to immediately reinstate export controls on the H20 chip.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator