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President Donald J. Trump
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Dear President Trump,

I write with significant concern about the risk that you will double down on your dangerous approach to artificial intelligence (AI) in your upcoming talks with Xi Jinping, the President of the People's Republic of China. I ask you to confirm that NVIDIA billionaire CEO Jensen Huang will not be at the negotiating table when you meet with President Xi next week and, instead, to use your upcoming talks to insist that China impose restrictions to prevent the most dangerous uses of advanced AI.

Leaders in the AI industry are now acknowledging that their technologies could threaten the safety and security of the American people and others around the world, but their suggestions on what to do about it are transparently self-serving.¹ Last week, for example, Mr. Huang said, "we don't need any new laws. We don't need new regulations."²

Unfortunately, you have a history of accommodating the AI industry's demands. In recent days, you have called the apparent risks of AI nothing more than a "hoax," rejecting the need to regulate AI. You have also continued to greenlight the sale of Nvidia's advanced AI chips to China.³ And you used a previous meeting with President Xi to advance Mr. Huang's and other industry CEOs' interests over those of the American people.⁴

¹ CNBC, "OpenAI boss Sam Altman spells out how and why the AI industry wants to slow down: 'We could lose control'," Kai Nicol-Schwarz, September 14, 2026, <https://www.cnbc.com/2026/09/14/sam-altman-ai-slowdown-anthropic-amodei-musk.html>; Dario Amodei, "We Must Pace the Frontier," September 2026, <https://darioamodei.com/post/we-must-pace-the-frontier>.

² Politico, "'We don't need any new laws': Nvidia's Jensen Huang doubles down after Trump call," Chase DiFelicianantonio and Tyler Katzenberger, September 15, 2026, <https://www.politico.com/news/2026/09/15/nvidia-jensen-huang-ai-safety-01078081>.

³ The New York Times, "Trump Says a Smart President is All That's Needed to Rein in A.I.," Jonathan Swan and Michael Gold, September 14, 2026, <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/09/14/us/politics/trump-ai-regulation-anthropic-dario-amodei.html>.

⁴ Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Report, "Warren Releases New Report: Trump's China Visit was Corruption Disguised as Diplomacy," May 27, 2026, <https://www.banking.senate.gov/newsroom/minority/warren-releases-new-report-trumps-china-visit-was-corruption-disguised-as-diplomacy>.

Your decision to allow the export of chips to China puts our national security at grave risk. China is working feverishly to develop advanced AI, including AI weapons systems that can be turned against the United States.⁵ Experts in your own Administration and officials across the political spectrum have rung the alarm about the danger your lax approach to export controls poses to the American people.⁶ But you seem to have brushed them aside after Mr. Huang and NVIDIA made a concerted effort to curry favor with you – donating \$1 million to your inauguration, contributing to your gold-encrusted ballroom, and attending a \$1 million-per-plate dinner at Mar-a-Lago.⁷ It appears to have paid off for Mr. Huang: he joined you on Air Force One when you traveled to China in May, and he even managed to score a meeting with President Xi himself to talk about NVIDIA’s business interests.⁸

The American people expect you to press President Xi about the risks of AI and work with China and countries around the world to set rules and regulations for this technology. Leading AI developers are building systems that pose new risks to international security, can be misused by non-state actors and terrorist groups, and are enabling sophisticated autonomous cyberattacks.⁹ Concerningly, there are now reports of AI systems that have evaded human oversight and control.¹⁰ People are also deeply worried about the impact of AI on their jobs, the environment, and our financial stability.¹¹

But amidst the public outcry over AI, you have continued to prioritize the interests of Big Tech CEOs rather than those of the American people. According to new reports, you have even invited Mr. Huang to attend the state dinner with President Xi next week.¹² The American people deserve to hear Mr. Huang answer hard questions – from both sides – about the role he has

⁵ The New York Times, “Chinese Military Sought Nvidia Chips for Years, Report Says,” Ana Swanson and Tripp Mickle, June 1, 2026, <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/06/01/business/economy/china-military-nvidia-chips.html>.

⁶ Bloomberg, “Trump Team Internally Floats Idea of Selling Nvidia H200 Chips to China,” Mackenzie Hawkins and Jenny Leonard, November 21, 2025, <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2025-11-21/trump-team-internally-floats-idea-of-selling-nvidia-h200-chips-to-china>.

⁷ The Times, “Mar-a-Lago dinners and dollars: why Trump won’t talk tough on AI,” David Charter, September 15, 2026, <https://www.thetimes.com/us/american-politics/article/president-trump-ai-tech-golden-age-6vmzc9tnk>.

⁸ Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Report, “Warren Releases New Report: Trump’s China Visit was Corruption Disguised as Diplomacy,” May 27, 2026, <https://www.banking.senate.gov/newsroom/minority/warren-releases-new-report-trumps-china-visit-was-corruption-disguised-as-diplomacy>.

⁹ Brookings, “AI risks from non-state actors,” Kyle Chan, Michael E. O’Hanlon, Qi Haotian, and Zheng Lefeng, January, 29, 2026, <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/ai-risks-from-non-state-actors/>; Center for Strategic and International Studies, “Beyond Autonomous Attacks: The Reality of AI-Enabled Cyber Threats,” Jiwon Lim, April 29, 2026, <https://www.csis.org/blogs/strategic-technologies-blog/beyond-autonomous-attacks-reality-ai-enabled-cyber-threats>.

¹⁰ OpenAI, “OpenAI and Hugging Face partner to address security incident during model evaluation,” July 21, 2026, <https://openai.com/index/hugging-face-model-evaluation-security-incident/>.

¹¹ Pew Research Center, “Young adults in the US are increasingly wary of AI, concerned it will take jobs,” Colleen McClain and Eugene Park, August 18, 2026, <https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2026/08/18/young-adults-in-the-us-are-increasingly-wary-of-ai-concerned-it-will-take-jobs/>; Time, “Both Democrats and Republicans are Increasingly Worried About AI’s Environmental Impact,” Simone Shah, September 16, 2026, <https://time.com/article/2026/09/16/majority-americans-worried-ai-environment-impact/>; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, “Financial Stability Report,” May 2026, p. 3, <https://www.federalreserve.gov/publications/files/financial-stability-report-20260508.pdf>.

¹² CNBC, “Nvidia CEO Huang attending Trump’s state dinner for China’s Xi: Source,” Kevin Breuninger, September 15, 2026, <https://www.cnbc.com/2026/09/15/nvidia-jensen-huang-trump-xi.html>.

played in undermining our national security. He has refused to testify in public and under oath, but we will call him before Congress next year. In the meantime, you owe it to the American people to ensure Mr. Huang is not across the negotiating table with President Xi when you meet next week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Elizabeth Warren", positioned above a horizontal line.

Elizabeth Warren
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