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Dear Mr. Huang,

We write with concern about your upcoming trip to the People's Republic of China (PRC).¹ This will be your second publicly-reported trip to the PRC in three months to discuss cooperation on artificial intelligence (AI).² The Department of Commerce restricts the ability of your company, NVIDIA, to sell its most advanced AI chips to the PRC, given their potential for dual-use applications in military and intelligence systems. We are worried that your trip to the PRC could legitimize companies that cooperate closely with the Chinese military or involve discussing exploitable gaps in U.S. export controls. We request that you refrain from meeting with representatives of any companies that are working with the PRC's military or intelligence establishment, are named on the Entity List, or are suspected to have engaged in activities that undermine U.S. export controls.

There is a new bipartisan consensus that the hardware powering advanced AI, which includes NVIDIA graphics processing units (GPUs), is of immense strategic importance. If exported freely to the PRC, this hardware could accelerate the PRC's effort to modernize its military. Despite the well-established concern that NVIDIA chips could enable Chinese companies to develop and operate AI models that compete with American AI models and support Chinese military and intelligence activities, you continue to publicly insist that NVIDIA should be allowed to export these chips to the PRC.³ Earlier this year at the Computex Tech Show in Taiwan, you condemned U.S. export controls as a "failure."⁴

¹ Financial Times, "Nvidia's Jensen Huang plans Beijing trip ahead of new China AI chip launch," Zijing Wu and Cheng Leng, July 9, 2023, <https://www.ft.com/content/e496f80f-1789-46b3-9275-a3f54344047e>.

² Financial Times, "Nvidia chief Jensen Huang flies to Beijing for talks," Eleanor Olcott, et al., April 17, 2025, <https://www.ft.com/content/7a49186c-8e51-4540-affe-15239c0914e3>.

³ CNBC, "Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang explains why chip exports to China are strategically important," Julie Coleman, May 28, 2025, <https://www.cnbc.com/2025/05/28/nvidia-ceo-jensen-huang-on-why-chip-exports-to-china-are-important.html>.

⁴ Tom's Hardware, "Export control was a failure." Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang slams Biden's China AI restrictions - Computex 2025 Q and A," Sayem Ahmed, May 26, 2025, <https://www.tomshardware.com/tech-industry/semiconductors/jensen-huang-talks-ai-export-controls>.

We have previously expressed our concerns with NVIDIA's actions that could support the AI and semiconductor ecosystem in the PRC, such as opening a new research facility in Shanghai.⁵ During your trip to the PRC in April, you reportedly met with senior PRC government officials.⁶ We are concerned that you will use this opportunity to meet with Chinese companies that have willingly provided support to China's military and intelligence operations. DeepSeek, a company you have lauded in public comments,⁷ for example, is referenced more than 150 times in military procurement records.⁸ DeepSeek has allegedly engaged in chip smuggling and has a stockpile of controlled U.S. chips, in violation of U.S. law.⁹ Several states and countries have already banned the use of DeepSeek on government devices because of the national security concerns surrounding the company's AI platform.¹⁰

We hope you agree that it would be deeply irresponsible for an American CEO to meet with companies that violate U.S. law and are actively developing military capabilities that could undermine U.S. national security. We ask that you refrain from any such meetings during your upcoming trip.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Warren
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Jim Banks
United States Senator

⁵ U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, "Banks, Warren Press NVIDIA on National Security Risks of Shanghai R&D Facility," May 29, 2025, <https://www.banking.senate.gov/newsroom/minority/banks-warren-press-nvidia-on-national-security-risks-of-shanghai-randd-facility>.

⁶ *Supra* note 2.

⁷ Business Insider, "DeepSeek's R1 was 'genuinely a gift to the world's AI industry,' says Jensen Huang," Huiheng Tan, May 19, 2025, <https://www.businessinsider.com/nvidia-jensen-huang-praises-deepseek-gift-world-ai-industry-inference-2025-5>.

⁸ Reuters, "Exclusive: DeepSeek aids China's military and evaded export controls, US official says," Michael Martina and Stephen Nellis, June 23, 2025, <https://www.reuters.com/world/china/deepseek-aids-chinas-military-evaded-export-controls-us-official-says-2025-06-23/>

⁹ SemiAnalysis, "DeepSeek Debates: Chinese Leadership On Cost, True Training Cost, Closed Model Margin Impacts," Dylan Patel, et al., January 31, 2025, <https://semianalysis.com/2025/01/31/deepseek-debates/>; TechMonitor, "DeepSeek being investigated for allegedly using restricted US-made AI chips," Swagath Bandhakavi, January 31, 2025, <https://www.techmonitor.ai/hardware/silicon/deepseek-under-scanner-restricted-us-made-ai-chips>.

¹⁰ The Conference Board, "State and Federal Governments Move to Ban DeepSeek on Government Devices," March 21, 2025, <https://www.conference-board.org/research/CED-Newsletters-Alerts/state-and-federal-governments-deepseek-ban>.