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Dear Mr. Sacks, Mr. Kratsios, and Director Patel:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce (Committee) writes to express our concerns regarding evidence that strongly suggests foreign influence campaigns targeting artificial intelligence (AI) development in the U.S. Unleashing American innovation and accelerating new advancements in AI have become key priorities for this Committee and the Trump Administration, and the U.S. cannot afford to ignore the risks posed by our geopolitical adversaries' efforts to undermine U.S. global leadership. As such, the Committee requests a briefing to understand what actions the Trump Administration is taking to investigate foreign influence campaigns and "billionaire-backed activism" to slow U.S. AI development and the infrastructure necessary to support these advancements.

Investigations by the Bitcoin Policy Institute (BPI) and Power the Future (PTF) have exposed new information regarding how foreign influence campaigns—many originating from China—have engaged in a coordinated effort to slow U.S. growth in AI development and the building of infrastructure supporting AI data centers.[1] According to BPI, "international actors are

[1] Sam Lyman, *Foreign Influence in the Campaign against American AI*, BITCOIN POLICY INSTITUTE (May 2026), https://www.btcpolicy.org/articles/foreign-influence-in-the-campaign-against-american-ai*; Manufactured Outrage: How National Environmental Activists Are Spending Millions to Elect Democrats, Block Data Centers, and*

working through state media organizations, nonprofit networks, and dark money groups to shape US policy and public opinion on artificial intelligence."[2] BPI finds that this is accomplished across three main vectors of influence: (1) foreign state media; (2) CCP-aligned Singham network; and (3) foreign-billionaire funding.[3] These findings also track with recent reporting documenting an increase in coordinated efforts by China, Russia, and Iran to undermine the buildout of U.S. data center capacity through "propaganda outlets."[4]

Equally sinister, PTF's report details how billionaire donors filter money through a complex financial web to fund America's non-profit ecosystem—often with strong political or ideological leanings—to skew public opinion against the buildout of AI data center infrastructure.[5] Many groups target specific projects through environmental litigation or other means of obstruction to prevent or otherwise delay buildout.[6] But it does not end there. According to the report:

> Some activists have gone further, targeting the financial framework that allows that infrastructure to be built in the first place. That includes calls to aggressively scrutinize utilities' return on equity—the return that attracts the private capital used to finance power plants, transmission lines, and grid upgrades.[7]

PTF also draws comparisons between activist campaigns against AI data centers and other environmental activism campaigns of the past which use similar tactics to derail advancements in other areas, such as the anti-fracking movement.[8] These campaigns have consequences. For example, the report finds that Viriginia alone has had approximately $45.8 billion in data center projects disrupted while the activist donors funding the groups causing these disruptions "are legally shielded from disclosure."[9] Funding transparency is necessary to ensure that the public is aware of who is influencing the infrastructure decisions that are being made in their backyard.

In July 2025, the White House released an action plan titled, "Winning the Race: America's Action Plan," which states, "[w]hoever has the largest AI ecosystem will set global AI

Undermine President Trump's Pro-Growth Agenda, POWER THE FUTURE (Apr. 2026), https://www.powerthefuture.com/wp-content/uploads/PTF_ManufacturedOutrage_Rev3.pdf.

[2] Sam Lyman, *Foreign Influence in the Campaign against American AI*, BITCOIN POLICY INSTITUTE (May 2026), https://www.btcpolicy.org/articles/foreign-influence-in-the-campaign-against-american-ai.

[3] *Id*.

[4] Collin Anderson, *Chinese Propaganda Outlets Jump Into Crusade Against Data Centers as Beijing Races To Achieve AI Supremacy*, THE WASHINGTON FREE BEACON (Apr. 28, 2026), https://freebeacon.com/china/chinese-propaganda-outlets-jump-into-crusade-against-data-centers-as-beijing-races-to-achieve-ai-supremacy/.

[5] *Manufactured Outrage: How National Environmental Activists Are Spending Millions to Elect Democrats, Block Data Centers, and Undermine President Trump's Pro-Growth Agenda*, POWER THE FUTURE (Apr. 2026), https://www.powerthefuture.com/wp-content/uploads/PTF_ManufacturedOutrage_Rev3.pdf.

[6] *Id.* at 21.

[7] *Id*.

[8] *Manufactured Outrage: How National Environmental Activists Are Spending Millions to Elect Democrats, Block Data Centers, and Undermine President Trump's Pro-Growth Agenda*, POWER THE FUTURE (Apr. 2026), https://www.powerthefuture.com/wp-content/uploads/PTF_ManufacturedOutrage_Rev3.pdf.

[9] *Id*. at 18, 22.

standards and reap broad economic and military benefits. Just like we won the space race, it is imperative that the United States and its allies win this race."[10] As the Committee with legislative jurisdiction over matters related to energy, telecommunications, health care, and environment, advancements in AI and the buildout of infrastructure supporting this technology, such as data centers, is of keen interest. The U.S. is in a global race for technological superiority that has significantly raised the stakes for economic and national security if our nation falls behind. It is critical that this Administration takes any effort to undermine this objective—particularly from foreign adversaries—with a great deal of seriousness.

To better understand how the Administration is investigating the foreign influence campaigns and taking action to mitigate these efforts, the Committee requests a briefing no later than June 18, 2026.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact the Committee Majority staff at (202) 225-3641.

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[10] The White House, *Winning the Race: America's AI Action Plan*, 1 (Jul. 2025), https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Americas-AI-Action-Plan.pdf.