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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House United States House of Representatives

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

I write to you with grave concern about the recent reports of connections between Representative Eric Swalwell and a spy for the Chinese Communist Party.

According to reports<sup>1</sup>, Christina Fang, a spy for Communist China's Ministry of State Security, maintained regular contact with Representative Swalwell for several years and had a very close relationship with his office. She served as a liaison between political donors and Representative Swalwell, appeared at political rallies he hosted, and even helped place an intern in his office. She exploited her position within the community to advance the interests of the Chinese Communist Party and Representative Swalwell welcomed her support.

Representative Swalwell sits on the House Intelligence Committee, where has access to our nation's most sensitive information. He has spent years spreading Russian disinformation in an effort to take down the President, all the while being used as a pawn by the Chinese Communist Party. Representative Swalwell refuses to discuss the nature of his relationship with Christina Fang, and it's unclear whether he was communicating with her while he was a member of a House Intelligence Community.

To protect national security, I urge you to immediately remove Representative Swalwell from his seat on the House Intelligence Committee. Nobody who has access to our nation's most confidential intelligence should be allowed to maintain contact at any time with Chinese Communist Party, especially considering that General Secretary Xi is actively working to undermine and harm American interests. And we must all view this as a lesson that Communist China will stop at nothing to unseat the United States as the world's superpower.

Sincerely,

Rick Scott United States Senator

<sup>1</sup> Axios, *Exclusive: Suspected Chinese spy targeted California politicians*, Bethany Allen-Ebrahimian & Zach Dorfman (December 8, 2020) <u>https://www.axios.com/china-spy-california-politicians-9d2dfb99-f839-4e00-8bd8-59dec0daf589.html</u>