

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Gina Raimondo
Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Raimondo,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the reported use of Huawei hardware in U.S. cell towers. It has come to my attention that cell towers across the state of Nebraska, and particularly within a certain range of military installations such as missile silos and bases, have been outfitted with equipment made by the Chinese firm Huawei.¹

As you know, Huawei has deep ties to the Chinese government.² Such ties, along with Huawei's past association with U.S. adversaries such as Iran, inspired the Bureau of Industry and Science to add Huawei and its affiliates to the Entity List over the course of 2019 and 2020.

There are a number of military installations in Nebraska critical to U.S. national security. One such site is Offutt Air Force Base (Offutt) the Headquarters to the United States Strategic Command. I would find it deeply troubling if Huawei has hardware near Offutt or other military bases, missile silos or strategic military locations in the state of Nebraska.

I am aware of the Department of Commerce's investigation into this issue, and I appreciate the Department's attention to this important matter.

I request answers to the following questions as soon as you are able:

1. What telecommunications companies within the state of Nebraska are using Huawei hardware?
2. Are Huawei products used in cell towers within 20 miles of Offutt Air Force Base?

¹ Alexandrs Alper, "Exclusive: U.S. probes China's Huawei over equipment near missile silos," Reuters, July 21, 2022, <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/exclusive-us-probes-chinas-huawei-over-equipment-near-missile-silos-2022-07-21/>

² House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, "Investigative Report on the U.S. National Security Issues Posed by Chinese Telecommunications Companies Huawei and ZTE," October 8, 2012.

3. Are Huawei products used in cell towers within 20 miles of missile silos within Nebraska?
4. Are Huawei products used near any other military facilities in Nebraska?
5. If Huawei technology is used in cell towers near military facilities, including but not limited to missile silos, does this technology constitute a threat to U.S. national security?

Additionally, I would appreciate any other relevant information regarding the Department of Commerce's investigation of this matter.

Yours very truly,



Mike Flood
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Chair of the Federal Communications Commission
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner
The Honorable Geoffrey Starks, Commissioner
The Honorable Nathan Simington, Commissioner