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Dear Secretaries Noem, Rubio, and Burgum,

As you work tirelessly to secure our borders and immigration system to uphold the sovereignty and security interests of our nation, we write regarding an alarming report that the People's Republic of China (PRC) is exploiting birthright citizenship and immigration parole programs created by the Obama and Biden administrations.

A January 17, 2025, news article estimates there are at least 750,000 and as many as 1.5 million Chinese nationals with U.S. citizenship who likely obtained it through a combination of the U.S.'s absurd birthright citizenship policies and the resulting birth tourism industry. As you know, pursuant to birthright citizenship, the children of foreign nationals including illegal aliens, are automatic U.S. citizenship if they were born on American soil. And through birth tourism, expecting mothers from abroad intentionally traveling to the U.S. and give birth, so they can reap the benefits of their child being a U.S. citizen.^{1,2}

Further, the news report points out that this cohort of U.S.-born Chinese nationals is approaching adulthood, potentially allowing them to vote in U.S. elections despite being largely raised in China and lacking firm ties or allegiance to the United States, despite their American citizenship. The possibility of hundreds of thousands of individuals from a hostile nation voting in American elections, thereby influencing critical policy decisions of our constitutional republic, erodes the meaning of U.S. citizenship and our right to self-determination as a nation.

¹ <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2026/01/17/manchurian-generation-ballot-flood-more-than-1-million-chinese-with-u-s-citizenship-could-vote-in-2030-elections/>.

² https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/imo/media/doc/2022.12.20-%20Final_Birth%20Tourism%20Report.pdf.

This should raise concerns as the PRC and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) pose grave threats to the U.S.'s economic and national security. The PRC is our top geopolitical adversary and has deployed numerous tactics to undermine the U.S., including weaponizing our student visa system to import intelligence operatives, and now, possibly using our electoral system to influence nationwide decisions.³

In fact, the PRC has seized upon other immigration programs that have fueled birth tourism in the U.S. In 2009, the Obama administration created an illegal categorical parole program for Chinese nationals to travel to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), a U.S. territory. The parole program allowed Chinese nationals to bypass the longstanding legal requirement of obtaining a tourist visa and being vetted before entering the CNMI.

As a result of the Obama administration's parole program, there was a surge in birth tourism by expectant Chinese mothers in Saipan, the CNMI's capital. Births to foreign visitors in Saipan increased from less than 10 in 2009 to nearly 600 in 2018. According to a media investigation, more than 3,300 babies have been born in Saipan to Chinese mothers since 2009, leading to more foreign births in Saipan than U.S. births.⁴

To make matters worse, the demand for U.S. citizenship for the children of Chinese nationals has led to unscrupulous companies assisting these individuals for profit. The PRC is home to over 500 companies offering birth tourism services, resulting in "more than 50,000 Chinese nationals deliver[ing] babies in the United States every year," according to one estimate.^{5,6} Other non-U.S. governmental estimates show between 100,000 and 150,000 babies are born to Chinese national parents each year in the U.S.⁷

Additionally, in January 2024, the Biden administration issued an interim final rule entitled, "Guam-Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Visa Waiver Program [VWP] Automation and Electronic Travel Authorization; Creation of CNMI Economic Vitality & Security Travel Authorization Program (EVS-TAP)," which allows PRC nationals to enter the CNMI without a visa for up to 14 days, increasing the likelihood for birth tourism to occur.⁸

Once these children born to foreign nationals turn 21, they can petition for green cards and other lawful status for their parents and possibly sponsor extended family members through chain migration. The CCP could undoubtedly exploit these immigration policy gaps by allowing CCP members to enter the U.S. on a lawful status and eventually gain citizenship while advancing the PRC's agenda against the U.S.

While some may claim these lax immigration programs are vital to the CNMI's economy, they do not prioritize the national security interests of the American people, as these programs have served as pipelines to American citizenship for illegal aliens seeking economic opportunity and those who are bad actors. We respectfully urge you to end any parole, VWP, or any visa-less programs extended to Chinese citizens and to please provide an accounting of the extent to which birth tourism has been exploited by the PRC.

As such, we respectfully request clarity on the following questions:

- 1) How many children have been born to a Chinese national parent since 2009? Please disaggregate by:
 - a. the number born in the CNMI.

³ <https://www.cnn.com/2019/02/01/politics/us-intelligence-chinese-student-espionage>.

⁴ <https://www.voanews.com/a/7982518.html>.

⁵ <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2015/04/01/china-usa-birth-tourists-business-strong/24887837/>.

⁶ <https://www.marketplace.org/story/2019/03/06/why-chinese-parents-come-america-give-birth>.

⁷ Ibid. <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2026/01/17/manchurian-generation-ballot-flood-more-than-1-million-chinese-with-u-s-citizenship-could-vote-in-2030-elections>.

⁸ <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/01/18/2024-00645/guam-commonwealth-of-the-northern-mariana-islands-cnmi-visa-waiver-program-automation-and-electronic>.

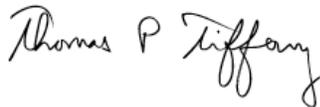
- b. the number born on the mainland United States.
 - c. the number who returned to China and have not yet come back to the U.S.
 - d. the number who have reached voting age and are now registered to vote.
 - e. The number with ties to the CCP?
- 2) Is categorical parole for Chinese nationals to enter CNMI still in effect?
- a. Is the Obama administration's Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program (G-CNMI VWP) still active?
 - b. How many Chinese nationals have entered CNMI via each program since 2009?
- 3) Is the Biden administration's "Guam-Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Visa Waiver Program Automation and Electronic Travel Authorization; Creation of CNMI Economic Vitality & Security Travel Authorization Program (EVS-TAP)," still active?
- a. How many Chinese nationals have entered CNMI through the program since 2009?

We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,



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