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The Honorable Kevin K. McAleenan
Acting Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Mr. McAleenan:

We respectfully write to request information about a recent Department of Homeland Security (DHS) alert that Chinese-made drones could be used to collect and exfiltrate sensitive data out of the United States. According to a news report, DHS's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued an alert on May 20, 2019, that Chinese-made unmanned aerial systems (UAS) pose a "potential risk of an organization's information."¹ This alert follows a 2017 memorandum from another DHS entity—Homeland Security Investigations—that warned that UAS sold by Da Jiang Innovations (DJI), a company headquartered in Shenzhen, China, likely provided sensitive law-enforcement and critical infrastructure information to the Chinese government.²

To assist the Committee's oversight, we ask that you provide a copy of the CISA alert to the Committee and arrange for a staff-level briefing about the contents of the alert. Please provide the alert and briefing as soon as possible, but no later than June 27, 2019. If any material responsive to this request contains classified information, please contact Committee staff for guidance on producing classified information under separate cover and apart from unclassified information.

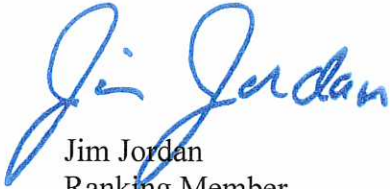
¹ See David Shortell, *DHS warns of 'strong concerns' that Chinese-made drones are stealing data*, <https://www.cnn.com/2019/05/20/politics/dhs-chinese-drone-warning/index.html> (last updated May 20, 2019); David Shepardson, *DHS warns of data threat from Chinese-made drones*, <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-drones-china/dhs-warns-of-data-threat-from-chinese-made-drones> (last updated May 20, 2019).

² U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, *Da Jiang Innovations (DJI) Likely Providing U.S. Critical Infrastructure and Law Enforcement Data to Chinese Government* (Aug. 9, 2017), <http://www.documentcloud.org/documents/4321736-ICE-DJI-China.html>.


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If you have any questions about this request, please contact Committee staff at (202) 225-5074. Thank you for your attention to this matter.


Sincerely,



Jim Jordan
Ranking Member



Jody Hice
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on National Security



Mark Meadows
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Government Operations

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Chairman
The Honorable Stephen Lynch, Chairman, Subcommittee on National Security
The Honorable Gerald E. Connolly, Chairman, Subcommittee on Government Operations