

March 19, 2018

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

As conservatives committed to defending the security of the United States, we write to commend your administration's recent decision to investigate and to block Broadcom's attempted hostile takeover of Qualcomm. The order pursuant to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) was necessary to protect the nation from the risk of irreparable harm that could have resulted had Broadcom obtained control of Qualcomm. There are many national security concerns implicated by the attempted hostile takeover by this foreign company, not least of which is who controls 5G — China or the United States.

We share your concerns about the potential adverse consequences for U.S. national security had Broadcom obtained control of Qualcomm. Broadcom is a foreign corporation, domiciled and headquartered in Singapore. Qualcomm is an American company, and a global leader in the development of next-generation technologies, such as 5G, which will soon be critical to commercial, military, and public safety applications.

In our view, if Broadcom had been permitted to take over a highly sensitive American company like Qualcomm, other foreign companies would be emboldened to do the same — leaving America incapable of defending itself. Commendably, your administration's bold leadership has sent a clear message that foreign companies will not be permitted to jeopardize U.S. national security interests in this manner.

Furthermore, Broadcom's plans to break up Qualcomm and substantially reduce its R&D would ensure that China would lead the race to 5G dominance. CFIUS rightly noted that "a shift to Chinese dominance in 5G would have substantial negative national security consequences for the United States." It is imperative to U.S. national security that the development of 5G by American companies continues unimpeded. Otherwise, Huawei — a China-based technology giant that is widely known to have extraordinary ties to the Chinese government — would leapfrog American industry and become the 5G standard-bearer.

Mr. President, we thank you for taking this strong step to uphold U.S. national security by preventing Broadcom's attempted hostile takeover of Qualcomm. For far too long, our country has failed to defend American interests in the face of foreign encroachments. Thanks to your leadership, Mr. President, the national security of the United States is once again being forcefully protected.

Sincerely,

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