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Dear Mr. Pei, Mr. Wang, and Mr. Wu:

Thank you for your letter of June 1, 2021, to Secretary Raimondo regarding the Washington Post article on the Department of Commerce’s Investigation and Threat Management Service (ITMS). The Department is committed to ensuring that it gets the facts and addresses them in a fair, expeditious and responsive manner. With those goals in mind, the Department has taken actions to address concerns with ITMS, including undertaking a comprehensive review that began in April. The review will document deficiencies in policies, procedures and training; identify the functions that the Department needs ITMS to perform; analyze the relevant legal authorities, and develop a recommended plan for ITMS’s future operations.

As the Secretary has stated, the Department must operate within the bounds of the legal authority granted to it and it must conduct its activities with respect for the rule of law and the rights of employees and all persons involved.

Thank you for your attention to these important issues.

Sincerely,

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