Dear Mr. Xxxxxxxx,

I write in advance of the December 7 meeting you will be hosting at your headquarters in Washington, DC. As President of the Committee of 100 (C100), an American non-profit of distinguished Chinese Americans, I want to express our sincere regret that none of our members who have held senior law enforcement and national security roles within the Department of Justice are available to attend that meeting due to scheduling conflicts. However, we nonetheless hope there may be other future opportunities for C100 to continue the conversation with you and your colleagues about how to protect U.S. national security and U.S. intellectual property rights without falling into potential invidious racial stereotyping of millions of innocent, law-abiding Chinese Americans, whether immigrant or native-born.

C100 wants to contribute positively to the protection of American values and to support the appropriate investigation and prosecution of genuine wrongdoing. However, we believe it is possible (and necessary) to distinguish between those cases that should be investigated and brought, with credible claims of illegal behavior, and the lawful actions of millions of Chinese Americans who are no different than their co-workers, neighbors, and friends. Chinese Americans work daily across the U.S. in government, industry and academia, making invaluable contributions to the nation’s portfolio of intellectual property and its robust economy. C100 remains gravely concerned that the ethnicity of Chinese Americans, by itself, will render them unfairly vulnerable to suspicion, racial profiling and discrimination.

Further background about C100 is available at www.committee100.org. Please feel free to contact me directly so we can arrange another time to discuss these issues of common concern. Thank you, and we wish you every success for the December 7 meeting.

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