

November 3, 2021

/via certified mail and email/

The Honorable Merrick B. Garland  
Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

**RE: Nationwide Faculty Members Support Stanford Colleagues' Call to End the "China Initiative"**

Dear Mr. Garland,

On September 8, 2021, 177 faculty members at Stanford University wrote [an open letter](#) to you and expressed their concerns about the U.S. Department of Justice's China Initiative. While acknowledging the importance to the United States of protecting both intellectual property and information that is essential to our national and economic security, these faculty members, including 8 Nobel laureates, strongly urged you to terminate the China Initiative and replace it with an appropriate response that avoids these fundamental flaws of the initiative:

- Disproportionally targeting researchers of Chinese origin,
- In most of the China Initiative cases involving academics, the alleged crime has nothing to do with scientific espionage or intellectual property theft, and
- The China Initiative is harming the U.S. science and technology enterprise and the future of the U.S. STEM workforce.

Fellow faculty members across the nation have responded with similar concerns and alarms that have deepened with [media reports of the rapidly unraveling initiative](#) such as the acquittal of University of Tennessee [Professor Anming Hu](#) and the [extension of guilt by association to spouses](#) at the Baylor School of Medicine since September 8, 2021.

In addition, on October 5, 2021, the House Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight & the House Subcommittee Research and Technology held a hearing on "[Balancing Open Science and Security in the U.S. Research Enterprise](#)." It followed the first congressional proceeding on "[Researching while Chinese American: Ethnic Profiling, Chinese American Scientists and a New American Brain Drain](#)" led by the House Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus on June 30, 2021. On October 21, 2021, [Congressman Ted Lieu](#) identified his specific concerns to you about the "China Initiative" during a House Judiciary Committee hearing.

Since September 8, [214 University of California Berkeley faculty members](#), [167 Temple University faculty members](#), and [198 Princeton University faculty members](#) have endorsed the Stanford letter and sent in their letters to you.

While we are certain that many other members of the academic community must have written to you separately, the purpose of the present letter is to inform you that additional large groups of faculty and other university associated scholars and administrators have formally endorsed the Stanford letter and its

call to end the China Initiative. They include **XXX** faculty members, scholars, and administrators from **XXX** universities and educational institutions across **XX** states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Our point of contact is the APA Justice Task Force at [contact@apajustice.org](mailto:contact@apajustice.org).

Sincerely Yours,

Concerned faculty members, scholars, and administrators (listed by alphabetical order of last name)

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