

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Pam Bondi  
Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
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Dear Attorney General Bondi,

We are writing to express deep concern regarding efforts by the People's Republic of China (PRC) to manipulate and exploit United States energy and environmental policy to advance its own geopolitical interests. Through financial support of U.S.-based nonprofit organizations, foreign governments like the PRC are funding campaigns designed to undermine domestic energy projects and key infrastructure while shaping public discourse in a manner that aligns with their strategic goals.

The covert use of charitable entities to serve foreign policy objectives of authoritarian regimes constitutes a grave, though not a new, threat to our national sovereignty and democratic policymaking.<sup>1</sup> The Biden Administration's silence exposed a deeper vulnerability: communist China seized the opportunity to exploit U.S. energy policy, advancing efforts in recent years to dominate the Left's "green" movement.

The PRC's goal of infiltrating U.S. climate narratives has blurred the lines of advocacy and philanthropy by creating indirect financial support routed through third-party groups to mask their origin and avoid public scrutiny. In turn, lobbying efforts are steered to advance Chinese interests, such as promoting policies that increase U.S. dependence on Chinese green technology. These organizations advocate for aggressive transitions to "green" technology in sectors where China dominates, such as solar, wind, and EV technologies.<sup>2</sup> For example, the CCP-tied organization, The Energy Foundation, quietly wired millions of dollars to fund climate initiatives and NGOs in the U.S. while heavily operating out of Beijing.<sup>3</sup> One of these groups was the

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<sup>1</sup> Lance Gooden, "Gooden Demands Investigation Into Russian Influence over Environmental Groups," *Congressman Lance Gooden*, March 9, 2022, <https://gooden.house.gov/2022/3/gooden-demands-investigation-into-russian-influence-over-environmental-groups>.

<sup>2</sup> Report: Renewables 2025, *International Energy Agency*, October 7, 2025, <https://www.iea.org/reports/renewables-2025>; See Also: Casey Crownhart, "China's energy dominance in three charts," *MIT Technology Review*, July 10, 2025, <https://www.technologyreview.com/2025/07/10/1119941/china-energy-dominance-three-charts/>.

<sup>3</sup> Thomas Catenacci, Joe Schoffstall, "CCP-Tied Group Quietly Fueling US-Based Climate Initiatives: Tax Filings," *Fox News*, December 18, 2023, <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/ccp-tied-group-quietly-fueling-us-based-climate-initiatives-tax-filings>.

Rocky Mountain Institute, a think tank that frequently engaged with the Biden White House on various climate policy areas.<sup>4</sup>

Environmental groups like The Energy Foundation and the recipients of their grant money are directly empowering China to the detriment of U.S. national security. Financial influence is often indirect and opaque, and without enforcement, foreign-tied NGOs will continue to exploit their tax-exempt status and abuse disclosure laws to shape international climate policy.

In light of this, we respectfully request that your office investigate the potential use of NGOs as conduits for malign foreign influence, specifically regarding:

1. Undisclosed or obscure foreign donations to climate advocacy groups operating in the United States;
2. Foreign-funded campaigns that have materially influenced federal or state decisions on energy infrastructure, permitting, or climate regulations;
3. Violation of federal or state disclosure laws, including any misuse of 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) status for political activities directed by foreign entities;
4. Coordination between nonprofits and foreign agents, whether registered or unregistered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA).

We also urge you to consider working with the Department of the Treasury to enhance the enforcement of existing laws protecting the United States from covert foreign interference in domestic policymaking. American energy policy must be determined by the American people, not manipulated through foreign-funded disinformation disguised as environmental activism.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and stand ready to provide any assistance necessary to advance this investigation and safeguard our institutions from foreign manipulation.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress

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<sup>4</sup> Connor Usry, Victor Olgyay, Anish Tilak, “New White House ‘Buy Clean’ Guidance Targets Huge Emissions Hidden in Building Materials,” *RMI*, September 15, 2022, <https://rmi.org/white-house-buy-clean-guidance-targets-emissions-in-building-materials/>.

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