

Attorney General of Missouri Andrew Bailey

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The Honorable Ann Wagner 2350 Rayburn House, Office Building Washington, DC 20515-2502

Dear Representative Wagner:

Thank you for your tireless efforts in the United States Congress to protect Missourians from the rising threat posed by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). The information you have shared with my office about a possible CCP outpost within the borders of Missouri is deeply concerning and will receive the full attention of my office.

The threat posed by the CCP is very real. In February of this year, a CCP surveillance balloon traveled hundreds of miles across the United States, believed to be collecting intelligence. Missouri residents from Kansas City to St. Louis watched helplessly as the spy balloon made its way across our state. In a blatant affront to our national security, it floated over our state capitol in Jefferson City, our local military installations, and the many private defense contractor facilities headquartered in St. Louis.

As the chief legal officer of the State of Missouri, I will direct my office to immediately investigate this matter.

Sincerely,

ANDREW BAILEY

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