

## United States Senate

February 10, 2021

The Honorable Antony J. Blinken  
Secretary of State  
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Washington, D.C. 20520

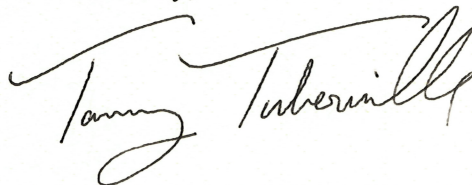
Dear Mr. Secretary,

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, moments after President Biden took the oath of office, the Chinese Communist Party announced sanctions on 28 former senior U.S. officials. The CCP claimed these diplomats, cabinet secretaries, and top White House advisors, “seriously violated China’s sovereignty and... have been mainly responsible for such U.S. moves on China-related issues.” In reality, these individuals were committed to fight for the interests of the American people while serving in the Trump Administration.

As you are aware, the individuals sanctioned include former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, former Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Kelly Craft, former National Security Adviser Robert O’Brien, and former White House Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy Director Peter Navarro, among others. Each of these Americans served our country with honor and distinction. China’s affront to these public servants and our nation cannot stand.

At your earliest convenience, I would like to discuss the steps the Department of State has taken or intends to take in response to China’s actions. I look forward to working with you on this and other issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tommy Tuberville". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tommy" and last name "Tuberville" clearly legible.

Tommy Tuberville  
United States Senator