

United States Senate

February 5, 2026

Dear Secretary:

Thank you for your continued dedication to strengthening and advancing your department's mission and supporting President Trump as he works to Make America Great Again. Your service is deeply appreciated.

President Trump has made it clear that restoring American jobs and industrial strength, eliminating critical supply chain vulnerabilities, and reducing dependence on high-risk foreign sources are top national priorities. Your department plays an essential role in this.

Your department was created to serve the American people and is supported by American taxpayer dollars; it only makes sense to prioritize buying American-made products whenever possible. If we require our government to purchase American-made U.S. flags, why would we not work to ensure that the parts, products, and services used by our government to ensure the safety and security of our country and American families are made in the United States by American businesses instead of by enemy nations?

I urge you to conduct a thorough review of your department's procurement policies to ensure you are maximizing support for American businesses, protecting our national security by eliminating reliance on foreign adversaries, and reinforcing the importance of maintaining secure, resilient, and domestically anchored supply chains. Continuing to purchase goods or services originating from Communist China - a self-proclaimed enemy nation - presents unacceptable strategic and national security risks and funds Xi Jinping's anti-American efforts.

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I request that your department:

1. Implement a "Buy America to the Maximum Extent Possible" policy. Your department should prioritize procuring and purchasing U.S.-manufactured goods, components, and services whenever possible and consistent with the law;
2. Ban the purchase of all goods, components, software, or services originating in Communist China, unless prohibited by existing statutes and regulations; and
3. Establish a department-wide review and approval process for any exceptions. Any proposed purchase of a product or service originating in Communist China - regardless of cost or category - must undergo documented justification and receive your direct approval and signature as department head prior to purchase. This process should include a risk assessment that evaluates supply chain reliability, cybersecurity exposure, national security implications, and potential alternatives.

These steps are crucial to aligning your department with President Trump's commitment to strengthening American jobs and manufacturing, ending U.S. reliance on Communist China, and protecting the homeland from foreign threats. I respectfully request a written response outlining your planned actions, timelines, and any required directives or internal policy changes **no later than COB February 20, 2026**.

Thank you again for your steadfast, courageous leadership and your commitment to supporting President Trump as he works to Make America Great Again. I look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure the security and prosperity of the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a prominent "S".

Rick Scott
United States Senator