## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Antony J. Blinken Secretary of State Harry S. Truman Building U. S. Department of State 2201 C. Street, NW Washington, DC 20520

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

Honorable Charles P. Rettig Commissioner Internal Revenue Service U.S. Department of the Treasury 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224

Dear Secretary Blinken, Attorney General Garland and Commissioner Rettig,

I am writing to follow up on the letter that was sent to you on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, which was signed by twenty-one Members of Congress and requested a response by October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. The letter expressed grave concerns about reports<sup>1</sup> that the police authorities of the People's Republic of China (PRC) have opened an overseas police service station in New York City.

Safeguard Defenders, a Spain based human rights organization, released a report last month titled 110 Overseas: Chinese Transnationals Policing Gone Wild about the PRC's recently established overseas police service stations in 21 countries.<sup>2</sup> The report raises alarming questions about the nature and operations of the PRC police service stations, which "eschew official bilateral judicial cooperation and violate the international rule of law and may violate the territorial integrity in third countries involved in setting up a parallel policing mechanism using illegal methods." <sup>3</sup>

China's Communist regime is becoming increasingly aggressive in its efforts to control Chinese diaspora overseas and exert influence globally, whether through overt coercion or by cooptation through so-called United Front work. The Chinese Communist regime could use the

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>1</sup> https://news.yahoo.com/china-opened-overseas-police-stations-154545452.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://safeguarddefenders.com/sites/default/files/pdf/110%20Overseas%20%282%29.pdf

overseas police service station in New York City as an instrument to surveil, harass or intimidate U.S. residents of Chinese origin, or even unilaterally carry out law enforcement operations. The presence of such a PRC police service station and any unauthorized activities it conducts could violate US government guideline clearly communicated to PRC law enforcement authorities and thereby encroach on U.S. sovereignty.

Considering the importance of this issue to United States sovereignty, respect for the rule of law, and fundamental due process, we request that the Departments of State and Justice to brief the members who signed the October 7<sup>th</sup> letter, or their staff, and kindly respond to the following additional questions by November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

- 1. Since the release of the Safeguard Defense report, has the State Department or Justice Department taken any action, investigative or otherwise, with respect to the PRC's overseas police service station in New York City?
- 2. Do the presence of the PRC police service station in New York City and its operation violate any U.S. laws?
- 3. Following the release of our letter dated on October 7<sup>th</sup>, we learned that the Chinese hometown organization American ChangLe Association, which is hosting the PRC police service station in question, has had its tax-exempt status revoked for failure to submit tax filings to IRS.<sup>4</sup> Given that, is the IRS enforcing the penalty under Section 6652(c) with regards to America ChangLe Association NY Inc.?

Sincerely,

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Michael Waltz
Member of Congress

Jim Banks

Member of Congress

Mike Gallagher Member of Congress

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://nypost.com/2022/10/08/chinese-police-station-spies-on-dissenters-linked-to-shady-us-charity/