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Dear Members of the GeoTech Commission,

First, I would like to thank the Atlantic Council and everyone involved in putting together the GeoTech Commission Report. This report is an important step towards ensuring a future where technology is harnessed for good.

I am proud to be an Honorary Congressional Co-chair—along with Senators Portman and Warner and Representative Delbene—on this important report, helping to ensure the way we operate and govern will lift people up, and promote prosperity and peace.

Since coming to Congress, I have worked diligently to counteract threats to our cybersecurity by our adversaries. And that is because cybersecurity should be a national security priority.

Adversaries like the Chinese Communist Party and the Putin regime in Russia have launched damaging cyberattacks on our country. In addition, Russia often provides a safe haven for other nefarious cyber criminals who threaten our cybersecurity.

The recent ransomware attack on the Colonial Pipeline that caused gas shortages and created panic throughout the southeastern United States—and even into my home state of Texas—is evidence of the significant threat posed by bad cyber actors. It is critical that we are prepared to stop these attacks before they happen and that we are equipped to fight back against the malign activities of our adversaries if they break through our firewalls.

My Cyber Diplomacy Act is important legislation that will give the State Department resources to work with our allies to create safe cyberspace and set the standard for normal, productive cyber behavior. It also establishes the U.S. International Cyberspace Policy and an ambassador-at-large for cyber issues to promote a free internet, accessible to all and free from censorship.

Meanwhile, our adversaries are aggressively promoting their vision of what they call “Cyber sovereignty.” Not surprisingly, they promote state control over cyberspace, trampling on individual freedoms. That is why this report is so important: Now, more than ever, we must work together with our allies and like-minded partners to advance our vision for cybersecurity that promotes freedom.

In addition to serving on this commission, I am also proud to serve as the Chairman of the China Task Force. Last year, we released our China Task Force Report, which included over 400 recommendations for Congress and the Administration. Since the report’s release, over one-quarter of these recommendations have been enacted or become law.

I am confident that the GeoTech Commission’s Report is capable of the same success.

I would like to thank you for including the China Task Force Report in this report. I also want to thank you for including my CHIPS for America Act as a case study in this report. The purpose of my CHIPS Act is to secure a domestic supply of advanced semiconductor chips. Without a secure supply of semiconductor chips, we are subject to the whims of the CCP. Without a secure supply of chips, we are unable to build any advanced technology. And without a steady flow of chips, we run the risk of falling behind in AI, quantum computing and other bleeding edge technology.

It is my sincere belief that any successful future must understand the threat posed by autocrats who want to use technology to advance their freedom-crushing agenda. We must work diligently to counter their efforts to weaponize supply chains, stop human rights abuses, and thwart its institutions of malign influence.

I am eager to see the success of this report and look forward to continuing to work with you to develop and implement new solutions to counteract the threats facing our networks, industry, and future.

Sincerely,



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