

One Congressman is Standing Up to China, Moves to Block Farmland Purchases

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With entities controlled by the Chinese Communist Party gobbling up American farmland, some in **Congress** are sounding the alarm and moving to stop what they see as a growing threat.

Texas Republican Congressman **Chip Roy** (TX-21) has introduced the Securing America's Land from Foreign Interference Act to prevent the (CCP) from owning land in the **United States**. "The Securing America's Land from Foreign Interference Act will ensure that United States land never comes under the control of the CCP by prohibiting the purchase of U.S. public or private real estate by any members of the CCP or any entity under the control or influence of the CCP," reads a statement from Roy's office announcing the legislation. "There is no reason we should allow one of our greatest adversaries – the Chinese Communist Party – to buy up land in the United States. If the Soviet Union had been doing this in the 80s, we'd have recognized the threat," said Roy.

"**China** is not our friend; they want to dominate us and destroy our way of life; we need to wake up and start acting like it," Roy added.

"Chinese firms have expanded their presence in American **agriculture** over the last decade by snapping up farmland and purchasing major agribusinesses, like pork processing giant Smithfield Foods," **POLITICO** reports.

"By the start of 2020, Chinese owners controlled about 192,000 agricultural acres in the U.S., worth \$1.9 billion, including land used for farming, ranching and forestry, according to the Agriculture Department," **POLITICO** adds.

The farmland purchases appear to be both a plan by Chinese Communists to expand their economic investment and feed the world's largest population, under the regime's "One Belt One Road" program.

There may also be another motivation. Some of the purchased farmland is near key U.S. military installations.

“In November of 2021, Grand Forks, North Dakota announced that Fufeng Group of Shandong, China had selected the area as a location for a new wet corn mill,” **American Military News** reports.

“According to a May report by the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission (USCC), the new Fufeng Group mill would be on a 370-acre plot of land located about 12 miles from the **Grand Forks Air Force Base**,” writes AMN.

“The **U.S. Air Force** base is home to some of the top U.S. intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities. The base is home to 319th Reconnaissance Wing, which is one of the major operators of the RQ-4 Global Hawk unmanned aerial reconnaissance vehicles. The base will also host a new space networking center which will help facilitate U.S. military communications across the globe,” AMN notes, adding “The USCC report said the land purchase near the U.S. military base could be “particularly convenient for monitoring air traffic flows in and out of the base, among other security-related concerns.””

And it’s not just North Dakota. “Prior to the Fufeng Group’s effort to buy up land near Grand Forks Air Force Base, another Chinese firm had begun efforts to buy up around 140,000 acres of land located about 70 miles from **Laughlin Air Force Base**,” AMN reports.

Roy’s bill was introduced with Reps. Jeff Duncan (SC-03), Mary Miller (IL-15), Marjorie Taylor Greene (GA-14), Daniel Webster (FL-10), Pat Fallon (TX-04) and Wesley Hunt (TX-38) co-sponsoring.

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