

## **Ed Says:**

***"Let me be perfectly clear. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is an enemy to Idaho and an enemy to America."***

### **The Problem**

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has developed a dangerous network of influence in government, education, agriculture, infrastructure, and business. They have targeted leaders at all levels of government, including Idaho leaders, to advance CCP interests and policies under the guise of building cultural ties and economic alliances. The CCP uses academic and economic arrangements to penetrate US innovators, such as Micron, and steal their ideas and technology. University programs, such as the Confucius Institute and Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA) which are found in Idaho universities are used to sanitize the public image of CCP's murderous policies and soften students to anti-American indoctrination. On January 19, 2021, Donald Trump issued what may prove to be the most important Executive Order of his presidency. He declared a national emergency arising from the investments unwary Americans are being induced to make in the Chinese Communist Party's military-industrial complex.

Idaho must awaken to the true intentions of the CCP which monitors and corrupts Chinese companies and individuals to be surrogates of its criminal regime. We must recognize how state leaders and institutions in our state have been targeted. Strong steps must be taken to protect our state from the nefarious influence of our foreign adversaries.

It is important to make a distinction between people who are surrogates of the CCP regime and the good people of China who suffer persecution and death for seeking the basic freedoms we enjoy in America.

### **The Solution**

Following Donald Trump's America First Policy, Ed will lead, along with other states such as Florida and Texas, in pushing for legislation that would ban individuals or companies connected with China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, from entering into contracts relating to the state's critical infrastructure. Other proactive steps include:

- Prohibit foreign purchases of Idaho land by any individual or corporation that has ties to the CCP
- Prohibit transactions with CCP technology companies
- Prohibit specific arrangements between state-funded universities and K-12 schools
- Require colleges, state agencies, cities, and counties to report gifts made indirectly or directly by foreign governments
- Fully investigate what Idaho interests have been compromised by the CCP
- Criminalize the theft and trafficking of trade secrets
- Condemn CCP organ harvesting, religious persecution, and genocide
- Protect innocent Chinese Americans and Chinese VISA holders from CCP persecution on American soil
- Commemorate victims of communism who risk their lives for the cause of freedom.

*The single greatest threat to the United States comes from the Chinese Communist Party.*

*-Mike Pompeo  
Former Secretary of State*