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The Honorable Timothy Geithner
Secretary of the Treasury
United States Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3330
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Geithner,

The Wanxiang Group, a Communist Chinese company, has acquired nearly all of A123, an American manufacturer of lithium-ion batteries. A123, besides being involved in developing technology vital to our national infrastructure, also holds classified contracts with the Department of Defense and received \$133 million dollars in stimulus grants. Although an American company bought the portion of the A123 which handled the military contracts, the risk of vital information leaking to China remains unacceptably high. The potential sale of A123 must be closely examined by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States and considering Communist China's long track record of economic subversion, the sale should be stopped.

The United States is the world's leader for developing and manufacturing high technology products and we cannot hope to maintain this position if we use tax payer dollars to help develop companies only to turn them over to our competitors and adversaries. The Wanxiang group will not create jobs in America, they will use the technology to build a competing battery industry in China and put even more Americans out of work.

The Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive has stated clearly that the Chinese "view themselves as strategic competitors of the United States and are the most aggressive collectors of US economic information and technology." Recent Congressional hearings on investment by ZTE and Huawei have further highlighted this problem. China aggressively uses subsidies and other means to support their domestic industries to the detriment of American business.

The US Government must protect sensitive, valuable technology and jobs in this country from competitors, such as Communist China. The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States must wake up and play a more active role in defending US manufactures and US workers and deny the Wanxiang Group the ability to buy A123.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Rohrabacher".

Dana Rohrabacher

Chairman

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