



July 25, 2022

The Honorable Janet Yellen, Secretary
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

The Honorable Lloyd Austin, Secretary
U.S. Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Re: Requested CFIUS review of Fufeng Group land purchase in North Dakota

Dear Secretary Yellen and Secretary Austin:

In North Dakota, our administration has worked closely with federal, state and local leaders and the private sector to diversify our economy, strengthen our communities and add value to our homegrown commodities. Recently, Chinese food manufacturer Fufeng Group purchased land in Grand Forks, North Dakota, with plans to establish a wet corn milling plant that would improve the price North Dakota farmers receive for their corn. A formal request to review this investment has been presented to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) by U.S. Senators John Hoeven, Kevin Cramer and Marco Rubio. We fully support their request and urge CFIUS to expedite the review of this land purchase and project, with a focus on potential national security implications related to the proximity to Grand Forks Air Force Base and involvement in the U.S. food supply chain.

In doing its due diligence on this project, the City of Grand Forks has encouraged Fufeng Group to make a voluntary CFIUS filing, and according to a published [report](#), the company has agreed to do so. We ask that this review process be completed with the utmost urgency to aid Grand Forks officials in their decision-making process and provide clarity on whether this land purchase has national security implications. Our top priority is, and always will be, the safety and security of our citizens and our nation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Burgum".

Doug Burgum