

**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Natural Resources**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Dear Ms. Evans:

The House Committee on Natural Resources (Committee) is conducting ongoing oversight of potential manipulation of U.S. tax-exempt organizations by foreign individuals and/or entities with an eye toward influencing America's environmental, natural resource, and energy policies. A thorough review of publicly available information has made the Committee deeply concerned with the fundraising, lobbying, advocacy, and political activities of Code Pink: Women for Peace (Code Pink). The Committee is particularly concerned with potential connections between Code Pink, an American 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and foreign interests, notably the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

As you are aware, Code Pink regularly engages in lobbying, protests, and extensive advocacy efforts regarding environmental and energy issues, particularly as it relates to America's national security infrastructure.<sup>1</sup> For example, Code Pink advocates for mandating "the Pentagon monitor the carbon emissions of the military" by requiring greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reduction and publicly sharing detailed emission results "from overseas bases, new weapons production, troop deployments."<sup>2</sup> Code Pink also declares that the United States "must downsize our military budget" to fight climate change.<sup>3</sup> While these activities alone may be cause for disagreement, the Committee is concerned with Code Pink's funding arrangements, potential funding by foreign nationals, and purported connections with the CCP.

The CIA, FBI, and Department of Defense have all sounded the alarm on the CCP's longstanding efforts to use financial incentives to influence American nonprofits and shape American public opinion.<sup>4</sup> In recent years we have seen even greater efforts by the CCP to use its vast and "well-masked machine of influence" to promote "Chinese energy interests" in America and across the globe.<sup>5</sup> China funds

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<sup>1</sup> See *CODEPINK Impact Report 2022-2023*, CODE PINK, <https://www.codepink.org/codepinkimpact2023> (last visited Nov. 13, 2023).

<sup>2</sup> Marcy Winograd, *Reduce Pentagon Carbon Emissions*, CODE PINK (Aug. 5, 2021), [https://www.codepink.org/reduce\\_pentagon\\_carbon\\_emissions](https://www.codepink.org/reduce_pentagon_carbon_emissions).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> See Catherine A. Theohary, CONG. RESEARCH SERV., R45142, *Information Warfare: Issues for Congress*, (Mar. 5, 2018), <https://sgp.fas.org/crs/natsec/R45142.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> Yi-Zheng Lian, *China Has a Vast Influence Machine, and You Don't Even Know It*, N.Y. TIMES (May 21, 2018), <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/21/opinion/china-overseas-intelligence-yang.html>.

nonprofits, academic chairs, research, and intellectual partnerships as a way to have Americans push the CCP's agenda to other Americans.<sup>6</sup>

The CCP nonprofit influence machine reportedly now extends to Code Pink. On August 5, 2023, the New York Times reported that Code Pink "is part of a lavishly funded influence campaign" that "works closely with the Chinese government media machine" to promote the agenda of the CCP.<sup>7</sup> Code Pink is purportedly funded by Neville Roy Singham, a self-proclaimed socialist and current "benefactor of far-left causes," who is now based in Shanghai, China.<sup>8</sup> Photos show Mr. Singham regularly meeting with officials from the CCP, including at CCP propaganda forums.<sup>9</sup>

As you are aware, in 2017, you married Mr. Singham.<sup>10</sup> As a self-proclaimed socialist<sup>11</sup> and revolutionary,<sup>12</sup> continuing to serve as President of the board of Code Pink,<sup>13</sup> you have gone on the record refusing to criticize any policy of the CCP.<sup>14</sup> Nonprofit records show that, since 2017, "about a quarter of Code Pink's donations—more than \$1.4 million—have come from two groups linked to Mr. Singham."<sup>15</sup> The New York Times extensively detailed how, over a similar time period, your personal opinions and Code Pink's position on China have both shifted to more closely align with the CCP's agenda, alarming various left-wing and progressive organizations sympathetic with other goals of Code Pink.<sup>16</sup>

The Committee is concerned with the CCP's growing attempts to influence American policies. The Committee is also concerned that the relationship between the CCP and Code Pink benefactors, board members, and staff may impact Code Pink's political, advocacy, and lobbying activities relating to America's environmental, natural resource, and energy policies. As you are aware, such political and lobbying activities may require compliance with the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA).<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Josh Rogin, *China's foreign influence operations are causing alarm in Washington*, WASH. POST (Dec. 10, 2017), [https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/global-opinions/chinas-foreign-influencers-are-causing-alarm-in-washington/2017/12/10/98227264-dc58-11e7-b859-fb0995360725\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/global-opinions/chinas-foreign-influencers-are-causing-alarm-in-washington/2017/12/10/98227264-dc58-11e7-b859-fb0995360725_story.html).

<sup>7</sup> Mara Hvistendahl, et al., *A Global Web of Chinese Propaganda Leads to a U.S. Tech Mogul*, N.Y. TIMES (Aug. 5, 2023), <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/08/05/world/europe/neville-roy-singham-china-propaganda.html>.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

<sup>11</sup> Jodie Evans, @MsJodieEvans, Twitter, <https://twitter.com/MsJodieEvans> (last visited Nov. 13, 2023).

<sup>12</sup> Jodie Evans, CODE PINK [https://www.codepink.org/jodie\\_evans](https://www.codepink.org/jodie_evans) (last visited Nov. 13, 2023).

<sup>13</sup> See CODE PINK, *Form 990* (FY 2021), <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/262823386/202320459349301687/full> (listing Jodie Evans as the principal officer and President of Code Pink).

<sup>14</sup> Hvistendahl et al., *supra* note 7.

<sup>15</sup> *Id.*; see also CODE PINK, *Form 990* (FY 2021), *supra* note 13; CODE PINK, *Form 990* (FY 2020), <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/262823386/202133409349300738/full>; CODE PINK, *Form 990* (FY 2019), [https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/display\\_990/262823386/04\\_2021\\_prefixes\\_26-26%2F262823386\\_202003\\_990\\_2021040617900481](https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/display_990/262823386/04_2021_prefixes_26-26%2F262823386_202003_990_2021040617900481); CODE PINK, *Form 990* (FY 2018), [https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/display\\_990/262823386/09\\_2020\\_prefixes\\_25-26%2F262823386\\_201903\\_990\\_2020090317278782](https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/display_990/262823386/09_2020_prefixes_25-26%2F262823386_201903_990_2020090317278782); CODE PINK, *Form 990* (FY 2017), [https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/display\\_990/262823386/04\\_2019\\_prefixes\\_26-31%2F262823386\\_201803\\_990\\_2019041216216643](https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/display_990/262823386/04_2019_prefixes_26-31%2F262823386_201803_990_2019041216216643); CODE PINK, *Form 990* (FY 2016), <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/262823386/201830399349301033/full>.

<sup>16</sup> Hvistendahl et al., *supra* note 7.

<sup>17</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*

The central purpose of FARA is to “promote transparency with respect to foreign influence within the United States by ensuring that the United States government and the public know the source of certain information from foreign agents intended to influence American public opinion, policy, and laws.”<sup>18</sup> Hence, FARA requires any person or entity, including nonprofits, to register with the Department of Justice (DOJ) if they act as an agent or at the request “of a foreign principal or of a person any of whose activities are directly or indirectly, supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign principal.”<sup>19</sup> Registration under FARA is also required for any entity that attempts, on behalf of a foreign principal, to influence any section of the U.S. public or a U.S. government official in “formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States.”<sup>20</sup>

The law is clear about registration requirements for a person or group acting in the political or public interests of a foreign government or entity, even when done through intermediaries.<sup>21</sup> FARA registration encompasses groups or individuals acting as public relations counsel, publicity agents, information service employees, and political consultants working in the interests of a foreign principal.<sup>22</sup> Likewise, groups or persons must also register if they solicit, collect, disburse, or dispense funds for or in the interest of a foreign principal.<sup>23</sup> The failure to register is an ongoing offense and subject to punishment ranging from a fine of not more than \$10,000 to imprisonment for not more than five years.<sup>24</sup>

To assist the Committee in its ongoing oversight efforts to combat foreign influence of American nonprofits and policymaking, please provide the following records, documents, communications, and information to the Committee, in electronic format, no later than December 4, 2023:

1. All documents and communications—from January 1, 2017 to the present—between all officers, board members, and staff of Code Pink and Neville Roy Singham.
2. All documents and communications—from January 1, 2017 to the present—between all officers, board members, and staff of Code Pink and members, staff, or agents of the CCP.
3. All documents and communications—from January 1, 2017 to the present—regarding any remuneration, transaction, or contribution that involve Code Pink, or any related tax-exempt organization, and any foreign entity, foreign national, or any entity or individual associated with any foreign entity, foreign official, foreign national, or foreign business interest, including their agents, representatives, or intermediaries. This includes but is not limited to Russian, Chinese, and Swiss entities, nationals, or their agents, representatives, or intermediaries. This also includes, but is not limited to, documents relating to direct and indirect contributions.
4. Documents and communications sufficient to show the original date of registration for Code Pink, or any related tax-exempt organization, as an agent of foreign principal pursuant to FARA:

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<sup>18</sup> NAT’L SEC. DIV., U.S. DEP’T. OF JUSTICE, *Foreign Agents Registration Act Frequently Asked Questions* (last updated Apr. 10, 2023), <https://www.justice.gov/nsd-fara/general-fara-frequently-asked-questions>.

<sup>19</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 611(c)(1).

<sup>20</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 611(o).

<sup>21</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 611(c)(1)(i); *see also Attorney Gen. of the United States v. Irish Northern Aid Committee*, 668 F.2d 159 (2nd Cir. 1982); *Attorney Gen. of the United States v. The Irish People Inc.*, 796 F.2d 520 (D.C. Cir. 1986).

<sup>22</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 611(c)(1)(ii).

<sup>23</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 611(c)(1)(iii).

<sup>24</sup> 22 U.S.C. § 618(a)(2).

- a. If Code Pink, and other related tax-exempt organizations and political committees, are not registered as agents of a foreign principal pursuant to FARA requirements, provide explanations sufficient to demonstrate why FARA registration requirements do not apply to the specific entity.
5. All documents and communications with the DOJ, including but not limited to letters of inquiry or advisory opinions, referring, or relating to FARA registration by Code Pink and any related entities.
6. Documents sufficient to identify any policies or procedures Code Pink has implemented to ensure compliance with FARA registration requirements, including but not limited to:
  - a. Any policies or procedures Code Pink has implemented to ensure that funds from foreign sources or individuals are not used for political activities within the United States, unless disclosed as required by law.
  - b. Any policies or procedures Code Pink has implemented to ensure that fundraising activities within the United States that are, in whole or in part, on behalf of or in the interests of a foreign government, entity, or individual are disclosed as required by law.

An attachment to this letter provides additional instructions for responding to the requests from the Committee on Natural Resources. Please contact the Majority staff for the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee at (202) 225-2761 or [HNRR.Oversight@mail.house.gov](mailto:HNRR.Oversight@mail.house.gov) with any questions. Under House Rule X, the Committee on Natural Resources has “general oversight” of any matter relating to its jurisdiction, including domestic energy production and environmental policy. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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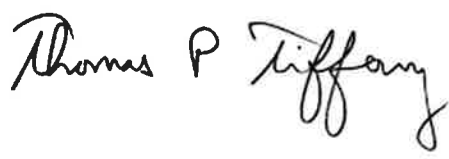
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