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General Comment

Director, I received the Department of Commerce's request for Pubic input on BIS-2020-0001 - Huawei Temporary General License Extensions this morning via email.
Having traveled to China frequently, and also being an avid reader of the Wall Street Journal, which has for years reported of the theft of Cisco trade secrets and technology by Huawei, I took an interest in this publication.

In regard to this Huawei license, as a citizen of the US, and given that Huawei has already stolen much, if not all of its technology from a US company, Cisco, and has been competing unfairly with Cisco for years, not just domestically, but around the world, it would not seem reasonable nor fair for our US Government's Department of Commerce to give Huawei and its 114 affiliates a license, let alone extend it. It is well known that the Chinese government employs practices that not only do not respect individual privacy of its citizens (customers of Huawei), regularly censors, but invades and disregards individual and business privacy. In traveling to China, I've personally found no freedom of speech. China actively blocks dozens and dozens of internet sites such as Youtube, Google, gmail, Netflix, Wikipedia, Amazon, The New York Times, BBC, Dropbox, Reuters, The Wall Street Journal, Bing and many more. Many executives I've traveled with are not allowed to bring their company laptops to China or

company phones and bring disposable electronics, because of the not just high risk, but inevitable hacking of their hard drives, contacts, and other digital information and assets.
The Chinese response to the corona virus in subduing their citizens with mandatory GPS Apps has been deplorable. Their crushing of free speech in Hong Kong, with force is not encouraging to progress in human rights in CHina. If anything it is regressing.

As an American inventor myself, I find it deplorable that this license even exists at not only the risk of hacking US citizens and businesses, but at the expense of Cisco, a US company, which had its technology and trade secrets usurped by Huawei. Yet, the US Commerce Department has granted license to Huawei. It does not seem apparent that our US Government of Commerce is protecting US companies and their technology against the constant and ferocious appetite of the Chinese government to take what it wants by any means from any entity, including one as large and as important to US military communications as Cisco, and our government allows licenses to the usurper. As a citizen of the US and a business owner, I find it appalling that there are 114 affiliates spread all over and integrated into communities where these affiliates may be using the same known cyber technology as my executive friends and I encounter in China, to breach local networks and gather information from US business data bases, thereby taking trade secrets. This type of intelligence gathering is no longer science fiction, and many private and publicly held companies employ similar technology internally to protect their systems and leaching out of data from their systems by employees and contractors.

More potent technology for invading databases and other entities computers is employed by the military - as was reported in Syria only a few months back. Jeff Bezos had his phone contents hacked in Saudi Arabia recently. So, why would our US Department of Commerce allow what appears to be the perfect storm, putting US businesses and individuals personal, private, and trade secrets at risk by allowing Huawei, an entity well known for usurping technology, to extend such a license to operate?

It is also fairly well known that China has a mandate to have the best in technology in every category of STEAM, agriculture, manufacturing, electronics, aviation, weaponry, transportation, etc. by 2025. There are also frequent reports of agents of the Chinese government posing as investors in Silicon Valley start-ups, gaining access to the technology, and usurping that technology back to china, leaving the start ups high and dry. I've had three start-up companies with Chinese investment ties visit my small business in the past year - all interested in the advanced manufacturing technology that we've built. We've declined to work with them, because their objectives to absorb and transfer innovation are obvious. Combine this technology agenda with the Chinese "Belt and Road' objectives and it would seem the Chinese wish to use the 2025 technology mandate, to dominate world commerce. Extending this license to Huawei would seem to make their goals of stealing US technology from 114 hubs, more easily achievable. Please do not extend this license to Huawei and remove what equipment they've installed to protect the personal, private, technology and trade secrets of innovative big companies like Cisco, small companies like mine, and individual US citizens.

Thank you.