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New Report Just Released

CFIUS' Growing Power to Protect American Security from China Tech Threat: *Examining TikTok and Lenovo*

WASHINGTON, DC – Today Congressman Robert Pittenger and Dr. Roslyn Layton released a new white paper that seeks to draw greater attention to the importance of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and outline how the role of the organization has evolved in recent years.

Rep. Pittenger and Dr. Layton find that beginning in 2017, CFIUS dramatically increased its efforts to protect American security from investors owned or affiliated with the Chinese government. Then, in 2018, Congress significantly expanded CFIUS' resources and scope by passing the Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act (FIRRMA), legislation sponsored by Congressman Pittenger.

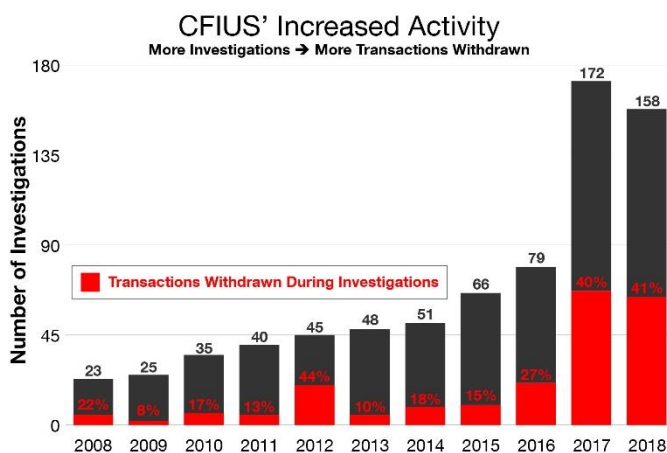
The paper explores two key recent transactions: the on-going review of ByteDance's purchase of Musical.ly (which created TikTok), and CFIUS' approval of Lenovo's acquisition of strategic IBM and Motorola assets, despite Congressional opposition.

“Today, there are seven times more transactions stymied because CFIUS has more resources and a broader legal scope. Americans are clearly safer today with FIRRMA. The very concerning TikTok acquisition and the history of CCP subterfuge confirms that CFIUS' oversight remains very critical to our national security,” said Congressman Pittenger.

Dr. Layton added “CFIUS' growing power has already made a difference by blocking the purchases of strategic American businesses by Chinese interests including MoneyGram, PatientsLikeMe, Grindr, and StayNTouch.”

Congressman Pittenger concludes by noting that “IBM's self-serving and irresponsible sale to Lenovo along with the aggressive acquisition of security related semiconductor companies, which are a supply chain to DOD, by Chinese interests are among the pivotal stepping stones which paved the way for a more assertive CFIUS.”

The full research paper, including an executive summary and the above graphic, can be found at www.ChineseTechnologyThreat.com/CFIUS



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