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BIDEN/WHITMER BACKED CCP EV BATTERY PLANTS ARE A THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY

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Local Citizens did their job by recalling city officials who approved of Chinese battery plants. Stark opposition to Governor Whitmer's 'China First Policy' has grown to 87% according to recent polls from The Center Square and Marketing Resource Group.

"Giving hard-earned tax dollars to entities with CCP connections could be a contributing factor as to why voters have a growing concern and mistrust of government and politicians." Tom Shields, Senior Advisor to MRG, LLC. According to Michigan News Source, "The poll shows overwhelming opposition to the state funding facilities with connections to

the CCP with every demographic, political group and geographical region of the state opposed.”

In total, the project is slated to receive more than \$800 million in incentives and taxpayer money. How will China spend this cash?

Whitmer bypassed allied Five Eyes intel alerts, US National Security officials and backlash from voters to approve CCP-battery plants

“Two Michigan Republican lawmakers asked the Michigan Economic Development Corp. to stop subsidizing Gotion’s electric vehicle plant.

The letter cites recent national security concerns from current and former federal officials, asking the state to recoup any funds distributed thus far.

Michigan Republican Sens. Jonathan Lindsey, of Allen, and Lana Theis, of Brighton, sent the letter asking that the state recoup any funds distributed thus far”, According to The Center Square.

Letter

“In light of recent warnings from national security experts, we are writing to formally request that the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and Michigan Strategic Fund suspend and recover any payments to Gotion, Inc. until the state of Michigan can better understand the risks associated with the proposed project and its connection to the Chinese government.

Last week, President Joe Biden’s CIA Director William Burns labeled China as the UnitedStates’ biggest long-term threat, saying they have “the intent to reshape the international order and the economic, diplomatic, military, and technological power to do so.”

In congressional testimony last month, FBI Director Christopher Wray again warned of the security threat posed by China, saying, "they target our freedoms, reaching inside our borders, across America, to silence, coerce, and threaten our citizens and residents."

And perhaps most concerning for Michiganders, former Obama administration CIA Director and Defense Secretary Leon Panetta recently directly cited the Gotion battery plant as a threat to American security.

Panetta warned Congress that plans to build a factory in Michigan could expose the country to espionage and that it is unwise to give Gotion any federal, state or local tax incentives.

"I don't think there's any question that they're going to take advantage of that situation," said Panetta. "They'll establish a manufacturing unit, they'll establish whatever they can, and then they will use that for their own intelligence purposes. They will use that for their own economic purposes. They'll use it to be able to gain the kind of advantages that are counter, frankly, to the interests of the United States."

A bipartisan majority of Congress has heeded the warnings from these experts, recently voting to restrict the Department of Defense from buying batteries made by six Chinese companies due to their ties to the Chinese Communist Party, including Gotion."

China is moving into Michigan -- Making visits to assess the land, excavators are now clearing trees to begin construction.

SECURITY Concerns: National, Environmental, Economic, Cyber

Giving an enemy country US taxpayer money to establish lithium EV battery factories near significant freshwater sources or regions with high groundwater level CERTAINLY poses a serious threat. Geopolitical implications: Corner the supply chain for electric vehicles, REM and exploit the US with permanent long-term funding deals to gain strategic and military advantages.

How to stop it? Elect new leadership

Stop voting blue. A new Governor after Whitmer could easily reverse this decision and declare CCP-battery plants a threat to national and economic security. Similarly, a new President like Trump could simply take on Blue State Governors by banning this type of investment at the federal level likely through a series of EOs, Congressional and Agency action.

Recalling city leaders, pulling building permits on a local level can be stifled by the Governor as we are seeing. Despite opposition from the city they are being overruled.