BETTING ON AMERICA







SESSIONS: WE HAVE ACQUIESCED TO COMMUNIST CHINA'S ABUSE FOR TOO LONG

MOBILE, Ala. – Beginning today, and over the coming weeks, Jeff Sessions will be releasing pieces of a new and bold strategic plan for the United States to confront the communist regime in China, called "BETTING ON AMERICA: STANDING UP TO CHINA'S COLD-BLOODED DRIVE FOR POWER."

For many years, Jeff Sessions has warned Americans of the dangers inherent in America's weak and failed strategy toward China, including the military, diplomatic, economic, and personal security threat posed by the adversarial communist regime. Now, in terrible circumstances, China's true lack of honesty and morality have been unmasked for the world to see.

As he introduced "Betting on America," Jeff Sessions issued the following statement:

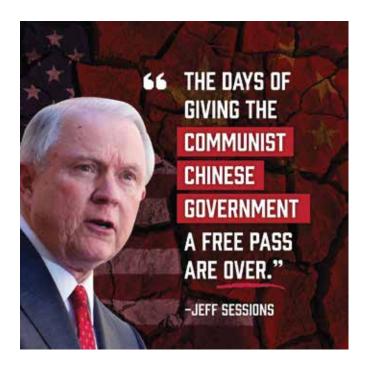
"The Coronavirus pandemic makes clear how deceitful, brutal, and ruthless the godless communist Chinese government is. They lied about the disease, covered it up, suppressed and imprisoned truth-tellers, and outrageously suggested the Chinese virus was an American conspiracy. This is an evil regime, plain and simple. To be clear, the adversary here is the action of the Chinese Communist Party, not the people of China.

"America must now fundamentally reset our relationship with China. This is no time for half-measures or a slap on the wrist. This Chinese-made global health crisis should be a wake-up call. China is lying and people are dying. Enough is enough.

"Our real objective must be to obliterate America's dependence on China. And make no mistake, we have become dependent on this ruthless communist Chinese government. For too long, big business elites in Washington and on Wall Street have cozied up to the Chinese because it made them rich, while thousands of Americans lost their jobs. This. Must. Stop.

"I've been fighting to hold China accountable; often, it has been a very lonely fight. But now, anyone who believes that this global pandemic, and possible global recession, is not the fault of the communist Chinese government is either completely ignorant of the facts, or is willfully and purposefully perpetuating a lie.

"The world has now seen clearly how this communist regime has blatantly lied on a great matter of life and death. But now we must also focus resolutely on their openly announced plan for economic growth and military domination that is also being advanced by lies, theft, and cheating. The days of giving the communist Chinese government a free pass are over."



Jeff Sessions will be issuing the first plank of his "Betting on America" strategy on Wednesday.

STANDING UP TO CHINA

Sessions has taken action to stop Chinese cheating and aggression and to defend American lives and livelihoods, including:



Advanced legislation to save American jobs from China by curbing Chinese currency manipulation, which artificially makes their products cheaper than American ones.



Protected American steelmakers and manufacturers by imposing tariffs on Chinese steel over unfair dumping practices. American steelmakers and the last remaining high-pressure steel cylinder manufacturer employ hundreds of Alabamians.



Defended American agricultural, aquaculture, and livestock industries and protected U.S. consumers from dangerous Chinese imports, including shrimp and catfish.



Worked to rebuild and maintain America's defense capability against China by investing in state-of-the-art technology, facilities, and equipment including the naval fleet, the nuclear command, missile defense systems, and overall troop readiness.



Launched sweeping Department of Justice policies against China's abuses: as Attorney General, Sessions launched the "China Initiative" to combat Beijing's theft of American intellectual property, including defense technology, microchips, and wind turbines. The effort has resulted in over 50 indictments with 1,000 more open cases to date.



PLANK #1 OF "BETTING ON AMERICA" PLAN: EXPOSE THE LIES OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST REGIME

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Plank #1 of Sessions' "Betting on America" plan: **Expose the lies of the Chinese communist regime.**

Sessions released this statement:

"The China communist government caused the Wuhan Virus pandemic that is engulfing the entire world, sowing death and destruction everywhere. Their deceitfulness and secrecy have already killed literally thousands of people and caused suffering for hundreds of thousands more, and the numbers are climbing each day. They caused it by silencing those who tried to warn the world, by blocking American and international scientists from coming in to stop the outbreak early, and by faking infection and death rates to downplay the seriousness of the spread. And they are continuing to use their propaganda machine to obscure the record today. They cannot be allowed to succeed this time.

"It is time for America to tell the truth, stand up for the truth, and do right by our own workers and our own country. It is time to fundamentally reset our relationship with China, and that new relationship must be based on openness about China's misdeeds.

"That is why the first plank of my strategy calls for a United States-led, international investigation into what China has done and what it continues to do, starting with the Chinese Communist Party's handling of the Wuhan Virus.

"I am calling today for Congress to immediately establish a Select Committee on China to lead the investigation. This Select Committee should be given the authority to wield the full investigative powers, including the power to compel witnesses, of the United States Congress. We have used these types of committees before at critical moments in our nation's history, including after the attack on Pearl Harbor, after the Watergate scandal, after the Iran-Contra Affair, and others.

"Responsible members of the international community should join the United States, either together with us or through their own parallel investigations, in seeking the truth about Beijing's handling of the Wuhan Virus. And there should be severe consequences for China if it refuses to cooperate as we uncover the full extent of Beijing's guilt. If China hasn't been lying to the world about the Wuhan Virus, it should have nothing to fear. We need to call the Chinese Communist Party's bluff.

"The enormity of communist China's wrongdoing in using brutal state censorship, and even the imprisonment of a doctor who actively sought to warn the Chinese people and the world of the great danger from the Wuhan Virus, is beyond words.

"This is far more than a mistake. It is a moment of revelation for the United States. It is our 'Sputnik moment.'

"A University of Southampton study in the U.K. found that, if China had revealed the danger just three weeks earlier, as many as 95% of the infections would never have happened. As Mike McCaul, former chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee said, China's dishonesty here is 'one of the worst cover-ups in human history.' Indeed, it is.

"The problem, however, goes beyond this virus. This cover-up reveals the secretive and cold-blooded nature of this regime. It allows us to fully understand that the regime is all about power. The Chinese Communist Party will use every tactic at its disposal: intimidation, deceit, technology theft, trade secret theft, unfair subsidies, bribery, misinformation, unfair and illegal trade tactics, and other unacceptable and immoral actions to advance their openly-stated agenda of dominating the world. These tactics are in the Chinese Communist Party's DNA.

"The U.S. has been indifferent for too long. And it is late, but not too late. We have the leverage to put a stop to these abuses. Fortunately, President Trump understands the importance of the challenge and has the resolve to confront it. Our dynamic culture founded on truth, law, innovation, and free markets will prevail.

"But we cannot win until we are honest about the threat the Chinese communist government poses. And we must begin by understanding the gravity and meaning of the Wuhan Virus cover-up.



"DESPITE CHINA'S BEST EFFORTS TO HIDE THE TRUTH, THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE ALREADY KNOW:

- The Chinese communist government arrested and silenced doctors who tried to blow the whistle on the Wuhan Virus last year. In December, Wuhan Doctor Li Wenliang noticed several cases of a virus that he thought looked like the 2003 virus that caused the SARS epidemic. He started warning others to wear protective gear to avoid infection. Within days, he and other whistleblowers were arrested, forced to sign pre-written confessions admitting they had spread "false information" and "rumors," and made to promise not to do it again. Dr. Wenliang has since died of the Wuhan Virus.
- Other critics and journalists in China have been arrested or have mysteriously 'disappeared' after sharing information about the Wuhan Virus outbreak.
- The Chinese communist government has engaged in a coordinated disinformation and propaganda campaign, fabricating information to make China's virus response look more proactive and effective, suggesting that the Wuhan Virus actually originated in the United States, and faking infection and death numbers to downplay the seriousness of the outbreak.
- The Chinese communist government's cover-up gave the virus weeks to spread completely unchecked. An independent study by the University of Southampton has already found that China revealing the danger just three weeks earlier could have prevented 95% of new infections.
- In early 2020, the Chinese communist government rejected—three separate times—U.S. efforts to send American scientists to China to help stop the spread of the Wuhan Virus.

"The Chinese government issued propaganda talking points to journalists, telling them to say it was 'politicizing' the Wuhan Virus to say that it originated in China. Many news outlets in the mainstream media in the United States eagerly adopted those talking points, too, in an embarrassing effort to paint President Trump as 'racist' for pointing out where the Wuhan Virus started.

"Of course, China's lies, censorship, cheating, and manipulation are not limited to the Wuhan Virus. For many years, China has signed trade agreements with America that they not only violated, but never planned to keep in the first place. China has been blatantly stealing American intellectual property and technology for decades. China spies on our universities, our government officials, and our private companies. China uses unfair trade practices to entice our critical manufacturing industries (including medicine) to relocate there, where they are subject to Chinese government seizure. And within China, the communists in charge brutally crush any dissenters.

"In the coming days, I will be releasing additional planks of my 'Betting on America' plan to address these issues. But first, we need to uncover the complete truth about China's Wuhan Virus cover-up.

"We know that the Chinese people themselves are not the enemy—they are the biggest victims of the Chinese government, and exposing the truth will benefit them most of all. It is deceitful to pretend otherwise, and it is high time for CNN, MSNBC, the New York Times, and their friends to face the truth and stop conning American viewers and readers. The American and international media must start reporting accurately on China's actions.

"A complete investigation into how China has caused the Wuhan Virus pandemic is the first step."





SESSIONS RELEASES PLANK #2 OF "BETTING ON AMERICA" PLAN

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Plank #2 of Sessions' "Bet on America" plan: Make American Medical Supplies in America.

Sessions released this statement:

"The United States is critically exposed because we are too reliant on the communist Chinese government and other foreign nations for our medicines and lifesaving medical equipment. The Chinese Communist Party today controls the production and supply of too many goods and materials that are critical to America's national security and our citizens' public health. The Wuhan Virus pandemic has made it undeniably clear: we cannot ensure national security or safeguard public health if we continue to rely on nations like China for medicines, masks, gloves, or other lifesaving equipment.

"This must stop. One fundamental principle of resetting our relationship with China is this: 'If we need it here, we must be able to make it here.'

"For far too long, lawmakers have stood by and allowed our critical supply chains to fall prey to the Chinese communist government's manipulative trade policies and military expansion that have cost us control over our medicines, technology, critical infrastructure, and other important systems and materials that are critical to our national security. This must end immediately!

"This crisis has revealed to us the danger we face. We will not put the health, safety, and security of Americans at the mercy of the brutal communist party that controls Beijing.

"That is why the second plank of my 'Betting on America' plan calls for the United States to immediately bring back our medical and lifesaving medical equipment manufacturing capabilities. Last year alone, the United States imported approximately \$150 billion in drugs and \$45 billion in medical equipment. In some categories, we have completely stopped producing important equipment and drugs for ourselves. For example, factories in the United States have stopped making generic antibiotics altogether.

"We must implement a strong 'Buy American' policy so that a minimum of 75% of all medicines, medical equipment, and medical supplies purchased with federal dollars are made in the United States.

"All federal agencies, including the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and Medicaid must purchase American-made drugs, masks, gloves, and other critical healthcare supplies.

"President Trump has already started taking strong and effective measures to confront China that have enhanced America's trading position and our agriculture exports. This is a good start.

"As President Trump's economic adviser, Peter Navarro, recently said at a White House press briefing, 'Never again should we rely on the rest of the world for our essential medicines and countermeasures.'

"America need not shut itself off entirely from purchasing international medical products. And we know that the real threat is the Chinese Communist Party, not the good people of China. But we must maintain a strong, American supply chain and ensure that we have the capability to make the products ourselves when international production is threatened or insufficient. By mandating that federally-purchased medical supplies are made in America, we will guarantee the existence of an American manufacturing capability available in times of crisis.

"Certainly, if we're spending American tax dollars, we should look first for American-made products, made by American workers.

"Our over-reliance on China is beyond doubt. More than 90% of all of our antibiotics, vitamin C, ibuprofen (generic Advil), and more than 70% of our acetaminophen (generic Tylenol) are made in China. Eighty percent of our medical-grade face masks are made in China. And that's just the beginning.



"CLEARLY, CHINA CANNOT BE TRUSTED, AS HAS AGAIN BEEN MADE OBVIOUS IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS:

- Recently, Spain, Turkey, and the Czech Republic had to throw out hundreds of thousands of Wuhan Virus test kits made in China because they were faulty and couldn't be trusted.
- Hundreds of thousands of medical face masks made in China were recently recalled from the Netherlands because their filters did not work as intended, despite having a quality check certificate from China.
- While China was actively covering up the Wuhan Virus outbreak, a Chinese government-backed property company in Australia and elsewhere secretly purchased in bulk more than three million surgical masks, hundreds of thousands of pairs of gloves, and large amounts of hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes, and other critical supplies to ship them back to China before anyone else knew the extent of the Wuhan Virus threat.
- Amid the Wuhan Virus outbreak, the Chinese communist government has effectively nationalized many manufacturing plants—including American companies—there, preventing exports of medical face masks to the United States and elsewhere, instead claiming all of those masks for themselves.
- An article in China's state-run media agency, Xinhua, threatened that China could impose additional export controls on pharmaceutical drugs to the United States and 'plunge [us] into the mighty sea of coronavirus.'

"We have long known that we were losing our manufacturing edge to China, as their unfair trade practices and dishonest tactics have lured business supply chains there at the expense of our national security. This pandemic is a wake-up call that this cannot continue. It threatens our security, our economy, and the well-being of American citizens.

"While we cannot know what the future holds with our relationship with China, the goal of peace and prosperity will not be advanced by a U.S. policy that does not monitor and aggressively respond to every illegal and unfair practice of this regime. A sound and long-term relationship cannot be founded on such practices. Business as usual is over.

"In the coming days, I will be releasing additional planks of my 'Betting on America' plan to address the Chinese communist government's dishonest trade tactics and level the playing field for American companies. But first, we must ensure that we have the capability in the United States so that we will never again rely on any hostile nation for our critical medicines and lifesaving equipment.

"America is done being held hostage by foreign nations. We must become independent again, and my plan will get us there. It won't happen overnight—it will take dogged determination by our nation's lawmakers. I have been on the front-lines battling China's communist government; I have seen the facts. I will not be intimidated by them, and I will provide some much-needed backbone in the United States Senate."



SESSIONS RELEASES PLANK #3 OF "BET ON AMERICA" PLAN

MOBILE, Ala. – Jeff Sessions is releasing the third plank in his new and bold strategic plan for the United States to confront the communist regime in China, called "BETTING ON AMERICA: STANDING UP TO CHINA'S COLD-BLOODED DRIVE FOR POWER."

Plank #3 of Sessions' "Betting on America" plan is: **Stop Funding a Corrupt World Health Organization.**

Sessions released this statement:

"The World Health Organization (WHO) is broken and corrupt. Its response to the Wuhan Virus pandemic was a failure of historic proportions. As an agency of the United Nations, the WHO is supposed to be preparing for health emergencies, coordinating the flow of medical information between countries, and helping to stop the spread of dangerous pandemics like the Wuhan Virus.

"Instead, the WHO has become more concerned with spreading political correctness and communist propaganda rather than stopping dangerous diseases.

"That is why the third plank of my "Betting on America" plan calls for the United States to withhold all funding from the WHO until at least two conditions are met:

#1: WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus resigns; and

#2: a series of reforms are implemented to ensure that the WHO acts as a reliable, nonpolitical, and vigorous early warning system for disease outbreaks, so that this never happens again.

"It has become painfully obvious that the WHO is all too willing to parrot the talking points of the Chinese Communist Party, even at the expense of the world's health. On January 14, weeks after Chinese authorities had arrested doctors who tried to warn others about the outbreak in Wuhan, the WHO told the world, 'Preliminary investigations conducted by the Chinese authorities have found no clear evidence of human-to-human transmission of the [Wuhan Virus].' As the WHO transmitted this false information from China, the rest of the world underestimated the threat.

"We know that eight Chinese medical professionals knew of the contagious nature of the Wuhan Virus before January 1, 2020, and were silenced by the communist regime. The worldwide broadcast by the WHO, weeks later, that the virus was not communicable was one of the worst health messages in modern history. If the WHO was given false information by China—and we know that it was—they must report that fact, condemn in the strongest terms the responsible officials, and immediately commence a professional investigation, not act like a conspirator in the cover-up. A complete report must be produced and measures put in place to ensure that this won't happen again.

"The United States spends more than any other country on the World Health Organization—more than \$340 million per year. China spends less than one-tenth of that amount: about \$25 million per year. We must use that leverage to force the WHO to stop playing games and take its job more seriously.

"If our money is going to fund a global health organization to track and prevent outbreaks, the members of that organization must all agree to allow their doctors to share information when they see outbreaks occurring. At the beginning of this year, China arrested doctors who were trying to warn people about the virus outbreak they were seeing in Wuhan, and forced them to sign confessions for 'spreading false rumors'! No global outbreak prevention model will succeed if countries censor that kind of information until it is too late.



"When both the United States and WHO officials asked to send experts to assist, study, and monitor the initial outbreak response in Wuhan, China rebuffed them. On three separate occasions early this year, China rejected U.S. attempts to help and to provide skilled professionals to study the virus.

"And make no mistake, Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus is China's man at the WHO. China lent billions to his native Ethiopia when he was in power there, and China pushed countries to vote him into office in 2017 despite allegations that he had orchestrated cover-ups of disease outbreaks in his own country. After he was installed at the WHO, Tedros immediately visited China and praised its health system, saying 'we all could learn something from China.'



"The Wuhan Virus pandemic is just the latest in a long line of embarrassing failures by the WHO. In February, the WHO lectured the world on its preferred name for the Wuhan Virus, instead using 'COVID-19' to intentionally obscure the origins of the virus. This lunacy was quickly picked up by the Chinese Communist Party and by the left-wing media in the United States, who claimed it was "racist" to refer to the origins of the virus, despite those same outlets calling it the "Wuhan Virus" earlier this year.

"Let's be clear: It is not racist to mention that the Wuhan Virus started in Wuhan, China. We must reject the Chinese Communist Party's attempts to erase China's connection to this pandemic. The Chinese government would like nothing more than to cause the world to forget that it was China's own failures and cover-up that allowed this to spread into a global pandemic, but they must not escape that responsibility.

"Whether we're talking about the Wuhan Virus or a different outbreak, the WHO's obsession with political correctness is not new. In 2015, it issued guidelines that told people to use 'generic descriptive terms' to refer to diseases, and not to refer to the geographic regions where the disease came from, or even terms like 'fatal' or 'epidemic' because they might 'incite fear.' They even told the world not to use the term 'swine flu' because it might be stigmatizing—to pigs! We've allowed more than \$340 million per year to fund this?

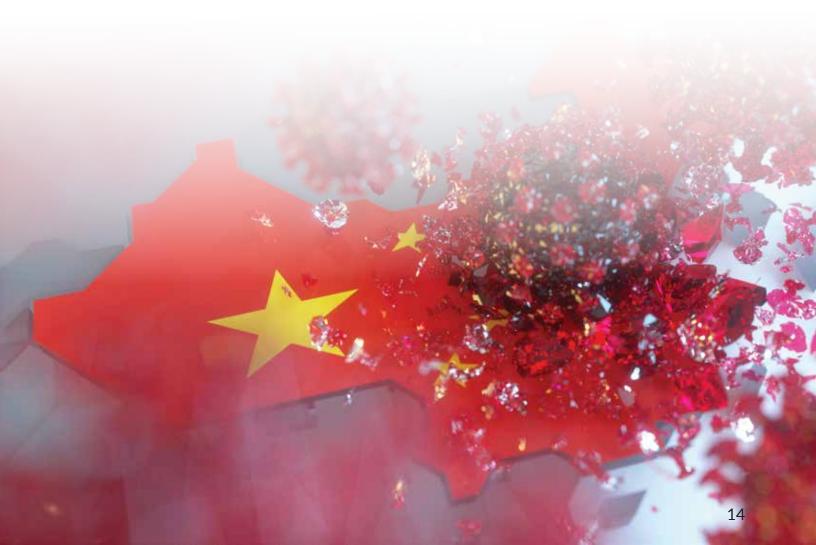
"The WHO has a history of improper political bias. Since 2017, after pressure from China, the WHO stopped allowing delegates from Taiwan to attend the WHO assembly or even observe proceedings. The WHO has even blocked Taiwanese journalists from reporting on its activities. Today, while the Wuhan Virus ravages the world, Taiwan is still excluded from participation, despite that Taiwan has had some of the best success in fighting the Wuhan Virus.

"And after world leaders started criticizing the WHO's disastrous failures in recent days, the head of the WHO even trotted out an absurd conspiracy theory that Taiwan was orchestrating negative attitudes about the WHO. The WHO again fails to take responsibility for its failures.

"For far too long, we have given massive amounts of money—with no strings attached—to the WHO and other international organizations that do not serve our interests or the interests of the world. Those organizations threaten our sovereignty, act as mouthpieces for hostile propaganda, and fail to do the jobs they've promised to do with our money.

"We are done enabling this kind of failure and corruption. We must immediately withhold all American funds from the WHO until its current Director-General resigns and the organization begins acting in accordance with its mission. It is time to clean house.

"And if the WHO won't reform, we should dismantle it and start fresh. We do not have the time, money, or innocent lives to waste on a failed organization that is acting as a puppet of China's communist government."





MOBILE, **Ala.** — On the heels of news that more than 22 million Americans have filed for unemployment since mid-March, Jeff Sessions is calling for a moratorium on employment-based immigration until the U.S. unemployment rate goes back down below 3.5%, where it was in February.

Sessions released this statement on Thursday morning:

"American families and workers must come first. It is morally wrong and economically disastrous to import more foreign workers when millions of Americans are out of work through no fault of their own.

"Before the pandemic, our economy was booming with record low unemployment and wage growth. President Trump's leadership has proved vital to restoring American economic strength. But the Chinese government's dangerous and deceitful behavior has enabled the Wuhan Virus to explode worldwide and savage our health and our economy.

"Tens of millions of Americans are out of work and hundreds of thousands of small businesses teeter on the brink of bankruptcy. Americans need to go back to work to rebuild our economy. But it should be American, not foreign, workers taking those jobs, providing for their families, and restoring our economic strength.

"That is why I am calling on the federal government to immediately halt immigration to the United States until Americans are back to work.

"More than 22 million Americans have filed for unemployment since mid-March. That's more than 12 percent of the American labor force going without a paycheck. In February, our unemployment rate was just 3.5 percent—less than one-third of what it is today.

"In Alabama, more than 200,000 workers have claimed unemployment in the past few weeks. This number is continuing to grow.

"Under my plan, we will put Americans back to work before we bring in more foreign labor. Visitors who do not have the virus can still come to the United States, and foreign investment in our businesses and economy will continue to be welcomed, but employment immigration will cease until our national unemployment rate is back below 3.5 percent, as it was in February before this pandemic. Rare exceptions will be granted only in critical, time-sensitive industries like farming, and only if the employer proves they tried to hire Americans first.

"There are powerful reasons for such a policy. First, the self-worth of every American is lifted by a job. They feel better about themselves, their families, and their future. But when a worker from abroad arrives and takes one of the few jobs available, the American does not disappear but is then pushed on to government assistance: the new government relief program, unemployment compensation, Medicaid, housing benefits, food stamps, and other programs, all adding to our debt.

"It is insanity for this nation to invite foreigners to come in and take any of the few jobs available during this crisis.

"For decades, open-borders advocates and certain business interests have undercut American workers by importing large flows of low-wage foreign labor. This keeps American wages low, especially in unskilled or low-skilled positions, but also in higher skilled positions. From factory workers and hourly employees to tech workers and college graduates with student debt, all types of Americans have their wages reduced by excessive foreign labor.

"The United States issues more than 1.4 million 'temporary' visas to foreign workers per year, and that's not even counting new green cards (permanent residents), refugees, illegal aliens, or those who illegally overstayed their visas from previous years.



"President Trump has kept his promise to reduce illegal immigration into the United States, and he needs more support as he continues his progress.

"Under President Trump's policies, our economy has been booming, unemployment reached record lows, and real wages were rising for the middle class for the first time in decades.

"This pandemic has hit our economy hard, but the fundamentals of the Trump economy are strong and will allow us to rebound stronger than ever before. My plan ensures that we get back on track, instead of bringing in foreign workers to undercut struggling American families.

"China's actions caused the Wuhan Virus to spread into a global pandemic, far beyond what would have occurred if the Chinese communist government had acted quickly and not covered it up. We will hold them accountable, but we also must get the American economy moving again.

"American policies should put American workers first. We know that China's policies put China's economy first. We know that every other country in the world also puts their own economy first, as they should. Here in the United States, President Trump has restored common sense and done the same thing.

"Now is the time to suspend employment immigration so that we can make sure that jobs are available to the millions of Americans who have been displaced by this pandemic.

"We don't need the big government monstrosities that the Democrats and the Establishment want to put in place during this crisis—we need to get Americans back to work."

