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President Donald J. Trump
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
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Dear Mr. President:

As you are aware, Broadcom Limited has proposed an acquisition of Qualcomm, a U.S. corporation. Should such an acquisition be made, I request that you direct the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) to investigate the national security implications of this action.

Under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as modified by the "Exon-Florio" provision of 1988, as President of the United States, you have the authority to block foreign acquisitions of U.S. companies where such acquisitions would pose a threat to national security.

The high-speed communication industry is as important to American security today as the steel industry was to the United States during World War II. By acquiring Qualcomm, Broadcom would become the world's third largest chipmaker, controlling a large portion of the supply chain, which is critical to the vital communication components such as Wi-Fi and cellular modem chips. Such a company could, if motivated by a nation or groups not friendly to the United States, compromise critical communications and install lock out features that would prevent U.S. security teams from monitoring mobile data. The potential impacts on U.S. security in critical situations are numerous.

The CFIUS is already reviewing Broadcom's acquisition of Brocade Communications Systems without resolution. Further, Broadcom is expanding strategic collaborations in China, manifested in Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) Agreements with Chinese companies HBC, Inspur and StarTimes. This growing Chinese connection by Broadcom creates the opportunity for China's security agencies to access and utilize Qualcomm's technology in defense-critical situations. Finally, the thousands of Americans who comprise the Qualcomm creative team could lose their jobs or be moved off-shore, which would be a major loss for our nation.

Mr. President, should a deal materialize, I request that you block this sale pending a full security review and investigation. Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter of national and economic security.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,


Duncan Hunter
Member of Congress