

September 3, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Senate Majority Leader
The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
House Minority Leader
The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Minority Leader
The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Banning Chinese vehicles in the 119th Congress

Dear Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Jeffries and Minority Leader Schumer:

Alliance for Automotive Innovation urges Congress to enact a permanent ban on the sale, import and manufacture of Chinese connected vehicles, hardware and software before the conclusion of the 119th Congress.

Multiple committees in the House and Senate have devoted time and attention this session to the Chinese government's industrial and manufacturing policy that's rooted in a well-documented pattern of unfair trade, subsidies, intellectual property theft and surveillance.

This behavior is a feature of the Chinese approach and especially acute when it comes to China's strategy to dominate global automotive manufacturing and critical supply chains.

Right now, Chinese automakers are dumping subsidized vehicles with connected software and hardware around the world. China is capturing market share in Europe, Australia, Southeast Asia, Mexico and South America with vehicles capable of collecting, processing and transmitting sensitive vehicle and consumer data to the Chinese Communist Party.

This hasn't happened inside the U.S. yet, but given the scale and urgency of this threat, we urge you to enact a Chinese vehicle, software and hardware ban before adjourning this year and make this policy the law of the land.

The House and Senate are considering multiple pieces of bipartisan legislation that would achieve this shared national security priority and directly counter Chinese policies that undermine America's largest manufacturing sector – an industry that employs 11 million Americans in all 50 states and drives nearly \$1.5 trillion into the economy each year.

- In July, the Senate Commerce Committee approved the bipartisan *Connected Vehicle Security Act of 2026 (S. 4429)*, legislation to ban the sale, import and manufacture of Chinese connected vehicles and related software and hardware inside the U.S.

- U.S. Reps. John Moolenaar and Debbie Dingell have also introduced the bipartisan *Connected Vehicle Security Act of 2026 (H.R. 8730)*, legislation that mirrors *S. 4429*.
- In May, the House Energy & Commerce Committee approved the bipartisan *Motor Vehicle Modernization Act (H.R. 7389; Sec. 301)*, prohibiting America's foreign adversaries – including China – from manufacturing, introducing into interstate commerce or importing any motor vehicle into the U.S.

These measures have broad bipartisan support and are cosponsored by respective members of your leadership teams.

Debate in the House and Senate indicates that lawmakers are determined to get the details of this policy right. Automakers appreciate that approach because the details matter, and we want to work with lawmakers to achieve a balanced policy so all our member companies continue to succeed and thrive inside the U.S.

Alliance for Automotive Innovation represents the manufacturers producing most vehicles sold today in the U.S., major equipment suppliers, battery manufacturers, semiconductor makers, technology companies and autonomous vehicle developers.

These companies operate in every state and can compete with any company in the world.

The challenge they face today is not competing with Chinese companies but with the *entire country* of China – namely its industrial policy of state-owned enterprises, heavily subsidized vehicles and unfair trade.

Enacting a permanent ban on Chinese vehicles and high-risk hardware and software in the 119th Congress will send a clear and bipartisan message that China's strategy to dominate global automotive manufacturing will be met with a national security policy response from the American government.

Thank you for your commitment to the auto industry in America.

If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Holgate, Senior Director, Federal Affairs at Alliance for Automotive Innovation [REDACTED].

Sincerely,



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