



# Biden Gives Blacklisted Chinese Tech Giant Huawei Entry to U.S. Auto Industry

The federal government under Joe Biden is allowing Huawei, the blacklisted Chinese telecom monolith, to enter the American auto industry by giving the company licenses to buy automotive chips.

Officials at the Department of Commerce gave applications worth hundreds of millions of dollars to Huawei in order to purchase the chips for its auto business, Reuters reported. This is in contrast to the Trump administration, which in August 2020 placed restrictions on Huawei, limiting its ability to purchase chips in the U.S. The Trump administration did so out of national-security concerns.



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"We don't want their equipment in the United States because they spy on us," President Trump <u>said</u> at the time. "And any country that uses it, we're not going to do anything in terms of sharing intelligence." The Trump White House had previously banned vendors worldwide from using U.S. technology to produce components for Huawei.

According to Trump, Huawei provided the communist Chinese with the means with which to spy on America.

A spokesman for Biden's Department of Commerce would not confirm nor deny a change in licensing restrictions for Huawei. Meanwhile, a spokeswoman for Huawei indicated that the company intends to move into the auto-manufacturing industry, which would potentially allow it to circumvent American sanctions.

Representative Mike Rogers (R-Ala.), ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee, called Huawei's entrance into the auto industry "alarming but unsurprising."

"Is there a dictator or despot that this administration won't surrender to, appease, or enrich?" Rogers asked. "I urge the administration to immediately reverse this decision before further harm is done to U.S. national security."

As the Washington Free Beacon <u>reported</u> in June, Biden selected (and the Senate confirmed) Chris Fonzone, a lawyer who worked as a lobbyist for Huawei, as the top lawyer in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The outlet noted that "In 2019, Huawei hired Fonzone's firm, Sidley Austin LLP, to assist in navigating the Trump administration's crackdown on the company for its ties to the Chinese regime and military. In June 2020 the Pentagon determined that Huawei is primarily backed by the Chinese military."

But the Chinese links run all the way to the top. Bill Burns, the current CIA director put in place by Biden, has a <u>long history</u> of working with Chinese communist front groups.



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Burns has been at the head of the Carnegie think tank since 2014, overseeing its association with the China-United States Exchange Foundation (CUSEF) — an association that goes back to at least 2009.

CUSEF is an important part of the CCP's United Front effort to "co-opt and neutralize sources of potential opposition" and encourage foreign actors to "adopt positions supportive of Beijing's preferred policies." To that end, CUSEF has sponsored trips for Chinese Communist Party officials to speak at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Melanie Hart, who now serves in the Biden administration as China policy coordinator to the undersecretary of state for economic growth, energy, and the environment, has <u>taken part</u> in programs and written reports that were sponsored by one of China's top propaganda organizations.

Not surprisingly, Hart's role in the Biden White House has involved overseeing a review of Trump administration policies, including a focus on the Trump team's "Clean Network" Initiative, which encouraged countries to block Huawei.

The Biden government's ties to China run deep. Earlier this year, it took on <u>more than 10 staffers</u> from an advisory firm, Albright Stonebridge Group, that's now partnered with China's largest law firm.

The Biden family, of course, has had its business interests wrapped up in China. Joe Biden himself reportedly held as much as a <u>10-percent ownership stake</u> in the now-defunct CEFC China Energy.

During the Obama administration, Joe Biden gutted American coal with strict regulations. As a candidate, he talked of "getting rid of fossil fuels" and even told miners to "learn to code." Yet his son, Hunter, invested millions of dollars in Chinese coal.

China has been working <u>hard to infiltrate</u> Western governments and corporations. A leaked document identifying almost two million CCP operatives reveals that over 120 members of the Chinese Communist Party were employed by vaccine giants Pfizer, AstraZeneca, and GlaxoSmithKline. Chinese communist loyalists are also deeply embedded in military roles and in academia.





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