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DOUBLE TIME CAPITAL AND CHINA DAN

Mr. Wester:

On behalf of the National Republican Congressional Committee and Camille Gallo, this letter responds to your letter dated June 6, 2019, in which you deny Double Time Capital invested in projects that you also admit it invested in, quibble with the date on which Huawei began selling inverters in the U.S. but ignore that funds from Double Time purchased inverters from other Chinese companies prior to that date, and threaten the NRCC and Ms. Gallo with a lawsuit.

The NRCC and its employees are not [distracted by your tricks](#) or intimidated by your letter. We reject your demands and will continue informing the voters of North Carolina's Ninth Congressional District about Double Time and its founder China Dan McCready's support for Chinese enterprise.

Indeed, on his campaign website, China Dan boasts about his affiliation with Double Time, and Double Time's tens of millions of dollars in financing for Strata Solar projects is a matter of public record. See John Downey, "Charlotte partners tap N.C. investors for \$80M worth of solar projects in the state," Charlotte Business Journal (Jan. 10, 2017) ("Double Time has invested money in solar developed only by N.C.-based companies. Much of that has been invested in projects by Strata Solar . . .").¹

Also a matter of public record is Strata's purchases of inverters and other parts from multiple Chinese suppliers, including Shanghai BYD Ltd. Co. in 2014 and, by 2016, Huawei. See "BYD

¹ Of course, in your letter you admit this relationship ("The equipment procurement for all projects in which Double Time Capital invested . . .") even as you attempt in the prior sentence to deny it ("Double Time Capital does not, in fact, invest in Strata Solar . . .").



and Strata Solar Finalize 160 MW Solar Panel and Battery Deal for 2014 – Yahoo Finance,” StrataSolar.com (Dec. 11, 2013) (“Chapel Hill-based Strata Solar has inked a deal with BYD to purchase 160 MW’s of their premium solar panels which represents over a third of Strata’s scheduled construction work for 2014.”).

So, the money flow is clear: China Dan founded Double Time. Double Time put money into Strata Solar projects. Strata Solar bought parts for years from multiple Chinese companies, including eventually Huawei, which the FBI regards a “[dual threat](#) to both our economic and national security,” may be [owned or controlled](#) by China’s communist government and now occupies a spot the Commerce Department’s banned “[Entity List](#).”

For these reasons, the NRCC and its employees will not be bullied into silence by China Dan’s father’s law firm, but rather will continue to inform NC-09 voters that China Dan’s company does business with Strata Solar which did business with a Chinese company so dangerous that a bipartisan group of United States Senators called its products “[national security risks](#).”

Regards,

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