



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, DC

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

The Honorable John Hoeven
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hoeven:

Thank you for meeting with Department of the Air Force representatives last month regarding the Fufeng Group's proposal to build a large corn milling processing plant approximately 12 miles from Grand Forks Air Force Base. Based on the briefings provided, you asked for the Department's view of the national security implications of the Fufeng Group Limited's proposed activity.

The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) considered an October 2022 filing by the Fufeng Group to acquire certain assets in the vicinity of Grand Forks, North Dakota. Grand Forks Air Force Base is the center of military activities related to both air and space operations.

While CFIUS concluded that it did not have jurisdiction, the Department's view is unambiguous: the proposed project presents a significant threat to national security with both near- and long-term risks of significant impacts to our operations in the area.

A similar letter has been sent to Senator Cramer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew P. Hunter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" being the most prominent.

Andrew P. Hunter