

# STOP FOREIGN INFLUENCE

## Potential foreign threats facing Michigan:

- The BlueOval EV plant, a partnership between Ford and Chinese battery maker CATL, is concerning close to the Battle Creek National Guard base. CATL was recently blacklisted by the U.S. Department of Defense for its ties to China's military, raising serious national security concerns.
- The Gotion plant is concerning close to Big Rapids National Guard Armory.
- Michigan State Police use surveillance drones manufactured by Chinese entities.
- Grand Rapids City Commission has approved the purchase of more police drones from a company that sells Chinese-manufactured drones. The Department of Defense has issued memos explicitly warning about the national security threats of these products.
- Several Michigan universities maintain relationships with entities tied to Confucius Institutes, which are funded by the Chinese Communist Party.
- Five Chinese nationals who were students in a joint program with Shanghai Jiao Tong University and the University of Michigan were charged in a federal countersurveillance probe after being caught with cameras near military equipment at Camp Grayling. The FBI complaint states they were observed at the Michigan Army National Guard training facility during the Northern Strike exercise in August 2023.

## How our bills would protect Michigan from foreign influence:

- Prevents foreign entities of concern from collecting sensitive information by blocking prohibited apps on government devices. (Rep. Smit)
- Prohibit state and local governments from using dangerous foreign technology, such as drones, as well as state contracting that could provide personal information to dangerous foreign entities. (Reps. Martin and Markkanen)
- Ensure public schools, colleges, and universities do not accept grants conditioned upon an anti-American agenda from foreign countries of concern. (Reps. Bruck and Jenkins-Arno)
- Prohibits public bodies from entering into constraining agreements with foreign countries of concern. (Rep. Schuette)
- Ensures public economic incentives are not awarded to foreign entities of concern. (Rep. Hoadley)
- Protects the personal health information of Michigan residents by ensuring health care record technology is physically maintained in the U.S. or Canada. (Rep. Thompson)
- Protects the safety of Michiganders by preventing entities of concern from purchasing Michigan farmland and property near military bases and other critical infrastructure. (Reps. Johnsen and Meerman)

