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The Honorable Robert Pittenger  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Pittenger:

I want to express my sincere appreciation for your commitment to safeguarding our Nation's competitive advantage as the architect in the House of Representatives of the Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act (FIRRMA), included in this year's National Defense Authorization Act.

Strengthening and protecting critical national security infrastructure, technologies, and functions are vital to safeguarding our freedoms for the next generation. The updates FIRRMA provides to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States will help provide that protection. This success would not have been possible without your sustained engagement with fellow Congressional Representatives over many months.

I look forward to continuing to work closely with you on North Carolina's important role in our defense and additional efforts to strengthen our Nation's security.

Sincerely,

*Jim Mattis*