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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 528. My name is Ted Kirchner and I am a resident of Hollis.

Senate Bill 528 is critical legislation that would prohibit foreign adversaries from receiving compensation to influence our state policies. Allowing foreign adversaries to advocate for their own special interests subverts the rights and interests of New Hampshire citizens. State assemblies, including our neighboring states, have continually been lobbied to invest public funds into Chinese owned companies. New Hampshire needs to act to ensure that adversaries of the United States do not have a say in our state. This Foreign Lobbying Ban has already been passed in states such as Texas and Louisiana, and 3 other states are considering legislation similar to this bill this year.

Foreign adversaries, especially China, seek to undermine our political system and society, including attempts to sway state-level decisions. I have had experience visiting and doing business in China. My conversations with Chinese managers in Shanghai that worked for a top tier global company headquartered in Europe demonstrate that the native Chinese do not operate by common commercial business rules or have the same value system that we have in the west. In addition, our respect for patent rights, copyrights and basic western character traits does not exist. The “say” can be benign, and the “do” be adversarial.

States face enough challenges from nation-state adversaries without also being forced to contend with their hired chaos agents. New Hampshire has seen the backlash from China’s interference in the Nashua water bottling facility and Daniel Webster College, we do not need more Chinese involvement, especially in our government. Senate Bill 528 takes a proactive stance in defending the state’s interests and ensuring

the voices of Granite Staters are not undermined by the interests of foreign adversaries.

Senate Bill 528 provides lawmakers the opportunity to make clear that the New Hampshire Legislature works for the interests of New Hampshire citizens, not foreign adversaries.