



Dear Mr. President,

We come from different political, professional, and religious traditions, and we disagree about plenty, including how artificial intelligence should be regulated here at home.

But we are united on one point: when Chinese President Xi Jinping arrives in Washington later this month, AI belongs on the table, and the United States should come away with an enforceable agreement to pace the development of systems that nobody knows how to control.

Artificial intelligence is already producing real gains in drug discovery, manufacturing, and defense, and we want the United States to continue to lead.

Our concern is narrow:

The leading AI companies are building systems intended to exceed human capability across most tasks. They have also acknowledged they cannot guarantee that those systems stay under human control.

A system that cannot be reliably controlled is a liability to whoever builds it first, not an advantage over whoever builds it *second*.

Today, both the U.S. and Chinese governments equate speed with strength. But the two sides are not equally positioned. American firms design the chips and lead the frontier. That leverage is real and is the reason a deal is available to you now. **Nothing here asks the United States to slow down alone. Export controls should stay in place. Competition over chips, energy, and talent should continue.**

No country's security should depend on which government is willing to take the biggest risk first.

When President Xi arrives, we urge you to insist on an enforceable agreement, anchored in verification technology that sits inside American products.

This is a call for trust with verification, as President Reagan used to talk about.

Human beings must remain in control of the technologies we create.

We urge you to make that the American position when President Xi arrives, and to secure a historic, enforceable, verifiable agreement while you have the leverage to do so.

Signed,

The Alliance for Secure AI