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**Open Letter to the Presidents of the United States & the People's Republic of China
ON THE NEED TO STABILIZE BILATERAL RELATIONS**

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Dear President Biden and President Xi:

We are writing to encourage the leadership of both the United States and China to work together diligently to repair and stabilize the state of affairs between our two countries. We call for more robust dialogue now to alleviate the heightened temperature and better manage our many differences.

The U.S. and China stand at a pivotal moment in global history. As the world's two largest economies, with the two most expansive strategic footprints, our bilateral relationship is the most important one in the world. Together, we share the great responsibility of preserving global peace and stability. Not only can we jointly maintain and promote peace, but our combined efforts can also achieve great strides in some of humanity's most pressing challenges, from poverty mitigation and world hunger to climate change and human health. Pursuing a path to conflict is untenable and would likely lead to one of humankind's most unfortunate chapters.

Our two countries have a long history of cooperation and common understanding. For the past fifty years, we have developed a dynamic trading partnership with hundreds of billions of dollars invested in each other's economies. The recent, alarming deterioration in bilateral relations jeopardizes that rich, shared history. It is in the national interest of both countries to reestablish a constructive dialogue based on mutual respect and a genuine desire to heal the relationship with courage and wisdom.

The world is watching. The stakes could not be higher. We must move forward together with great urgency and purpose.

Sincerely,



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