



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

July 17, 2018

Honorable Jim Banks
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Banks:

Thank you for your June 19, 2018, letter to Secretary Betsy DeVos regarding national security concerns and the U.S. Department of Education's (Department) oversight of universities in connection with Huawei Technologies (HT or Huawei). I am sending identical responses to the cosigners of your letter.

The Department recognizes the paramount importance of the central pillar of the December 2017 National Security Strategy, which is to "reduce the illicit appropriation of U.S. public and private sector technology and technical knowledge by hostile foreign competitors." We have scheduled the briefing suggested in your letter and will be glad to follow up with our executive branch partners whose mission is to protect our nation's security.

With respect to the part of your letter related to the Department's mission, you asked the Department to request (and require) "information from the U.S. universities involved in any partnership with Huawei, especially those receiving any federal research funding (including Department of Defense funding) to gather information related to whether any such funding is involved in a Huawei partnership, and whether any research personnel...are involved in these efforts." Under section 117 of the Higher Education Act (HEA), institutions of higher education (IHEs) that participate in Title IV of the HEA must file a report with the Department when the IHE "receives a gift from or enters into a contract with a foreign source, the value of which is \$250,000 or more, considered alone or in combination with all other gifts from or contracts with that foreign source within a calendar year." *See*, 20 USC 1011f. A summary of the IHEs that reported HT as a funding source is enclosed. Data collected under HEA section 117 are self-reported by universities. Data from institutions whose applications to participate in the federal student financial aid programs are pending are not included in the report. For the full list of all funds reported by IHEs under section 117 of the HEA for the previous six years, please see <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about/data-center/school/foreign-gifts>.

While the Department provides federal funding for educational equity and excellence and also publicly reports data collected under section 117 of the HEA, we will continue to follow up with our executive branch partners in their respective missions to protect our national security.

Thank you for your letter and interest. Please contact the Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs at (202) 401-0020 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Auer Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Diane" being the most prominent.

Diane Auer Jones
Principal Deputy Under Secretary
Delegated the Duties of Under Secretary

Enclosure

Foreign Gift and Contract Report with Date Range 01/01/2011 to 12/31/2017

Grouped by: OPEID, State, Foreign Gift Received Date

Data Source: Postsecondary Education Participation System 2/28/2018

ID	OPEID	Institution Name	City	State	Foreign Gift Received Date	Foreign Gift Amount	Gift Type	Country of Gifor	Giftor Name
4581	00131200	University of California, Berkeley	Berkeley	CA	02/07/2017	\$500,000	Monetary Gift	CHINA	Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd
4603	00131200	University of California, Berkeley	Berkeley	CA	09/20/2016	\$900,000	Monetary Gift	CHINA	Huawei Technologies Co, LTD
5762	00131500	University of California, Los Angeles	Los Angeles	CA	05/31/2016	\$150,000	Monetary Gift	CHINA	Huawei Technologies, USA
9351	00177500	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Champaign	IL	12/11/2015	\$290,000	Contract	CHINA	Huawei Technologies Co Ltd
12844	00217800	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Cambridge	MA	12/20/2017	\$500,000	Monetary Gift	CHINA	HUAWEI TECHNOLOG ES CO.
13907	00252000	Washington University in St. Louis	St Louis	MO	10/26/2015	\$292,959	Contract	CHINA	Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd
16122	00309000	Ohio State University (The)	Columbus	OH	07/03/2017	\$360,000	Monetary Gift	CHINA	Huawei Technologies Co
16286	00309000	Ohio State University (The)	Columbus	OH	02/06/2017	\$36,290	Monetary Gift	CHINA	Huawei Technologies Co
16290	00309000	Ohio State University (The)	Columbus	OH	01/31/2017	\$90,210	Monetary Gift	CHINA	Huawei Technologies Co
16383	00309000	Ohio State University (The)	Columbus	OH	06/28/2016	\$299,939	Contract	CHINA	Huawei Technologies Co.
16414	00309000	Ohio State University (The)	Columbus	OH	02/23/2016	\$350,000	Contract	CHINA	Huawei Technologies Co.
16430	00309000	Ohio State University (The)	Columbus	OH	01/04/2016	\$96,867	Contract	CHINA	Huawei Technologies Co.
17729	00375400	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University	Blacksburg	VA	10/27/2014	\$329,992	Contract	CHINA	Huawei Technologies Co Ltd