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The Honorable Larry M. Wortzel
Chairman, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission
444 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 602
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify last month on the topic of China's Military Modernization and Export Controls. This is an important topic when considering the military dimensions of China's rise.

During the meeting, I promised to provide you with a response to a question raised on the importance of a strong economy to ensuring national security. A detailed response to this question is attached.

Thank you, once again, for the opportunity to share with you DoD views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter W. Rodman".

Peter W. Rodman

cc:
Honorable Carolyn Bartholomew, Vice Chairman

Attachment: a/s

