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Dear Administrator Bolden:

I appreciate your prompt response to my October 5 letter, but remain disappointed with your intention to launch "introductory" talks with the Chinese government on human spaceflight cooperation. As you know, I remain ardently opposed to any cooperation with the Chinese and will work to stop the implementation of any U.S.-Chinese human spaceflight programs or information-sharing agreements.

Neither your letter nor the president's November 2009 communiqué has demonstrated to the American people how greater cooperation with the Chinese on human spaceflight would yield any benefit to the United States. Until this can be fully justified -- and agreed to by the Congress -- it is inappropriate for you to enter into any talks with the Chinese.

You should be aware that the Chinese regime has launched some of the most aggressive and widespread espionage and cybersecurity attacks against U.S. agencies and contractors. Several years ago, entities within China hacked into computers in my office where I had information about my work involving human rights activists and political dissidents in China. They are stealing our information and I don't believe this behavior should be rewarded with greater access to NASA.

At precisely the same time as your trip to China, news reports indicate that the Chinese government has blocked European officials from meeting with the wife of imprisoned Chinese dissident and Nobel Prize recipient Liu Xiaobo, cut off her phone communication, placed her under house arrest and increased censorship throughout the country to prevent news of the award from spreading. This deplorable but utterly predictable response from one of the world's worst human rights abusers does not deserve to be rewarded with greater "cooperation" with the U.S.

Since your letter indicates that you are determined to travel to China this week, I ask that you at least receive a full security briefing from the U.S. intelligence community about Chinese espionage activities before you depart. Once you receive this briefing, I also ask that you call me at 202-225-5136 before you leave for your trip tomorrow.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf  
Member of Congress