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Staff Memorandum

To: Senior Research Officers
Council on Federal Relations

From: Tobin Smith, Vice President for Policy
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Re: Congressional Concerns About University Relationships with Huawei Technologies

We are writing to alert you to mounting concerns being raised in Congress and within government security agencies about Huawei Technologies, which has been a topic of discussion at past Senior Research Officers' meetings.

Specifically, we wanted to bring to your attention [this letter](#) sent yesterday by 26 Members of Congress to Secretary of Education DeVos asking the Department to investigate the nature of current U.S. university relationships/partnerships with Huawei. For reference, here is an [article](#) from today's *Washington Post*, as well as an unclassified [FBI Counterintelligence Note](#) about existing U.S. security agency concerns with Huawei.

It is unclear what, if any, action the Department of Education will take in response to the congressional request, but it is important for you to be aware of this situation, particularly if your university and/or specific faculty members have any kind of existing or planned relationships with Huawei.

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