



May 27, 2022

Mr. David Jones, Chairman  
Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board (FRTIB)  
77 K Street, NE, Suite 1000  
Washington, DC 20002

**Re: Investment in companies complicit in the genocide of the Uyghur people**

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am writing to you as a representative of the Uyghur American community to express my deep concern that the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) is planning to offer investment options in emerging markets funds, without screening them to rule out companies that are complicit in the genocide of my people, and that are building up the Chinese military. I implore you to make sure that the 2022 June 1 Mutual Fund Window does not open up a new flow of American investment in Chinese corporate bad actors.

As you know, the Secretaries of State under both the Trump Administration and the Biden Administration (in January 2021 and again in March 2021) declared that the US government has determined that the atrocities against the Uyghur people constitute Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity.

It is simply incredible to the Uyghur American community that our own public servants and veterans, our fellow citizens, could be funding companies that make their profits assisting the Chinese government's total surveillance and atrocity crimes against my people. For evidence, please examine the extensive Chinese government police files known as the "[Xinjiang Police Files.](#)" made public on May 23, 2022.

I call upon the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board to postpone the launch of the TSP Mutual Fund Window until you can make sure that federal retirees' savings will not be invested in genocide.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely yours,

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