



## U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich's Legislative Actions Related to China

### 118<sup>th</sup> Congress

**Confronting Security Risks from China-Made Cranes at U.S. Ports:** Heinrich [passed](#) his bipartisan [Cranes of Concern at our Ports \(CCP\) Act](#), which requires the federal government to evaluate threats to U.S. ports posed by cranes manufactured in countries of concern, including those made by China's Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy Industries Company (ZPMC).

**Fighting Fentanyl Before It Reaches Our Borders:** Heinrich [passed the FEND Off Fentanyl Act](#), giving law enforcement the tools needed to crack down on drug traffickers and international criminal organizations to combat the flow of deadly fentanyl from China and Mexico before it ever reaches our nation's borders. These tools include [authorizing](#) the federal government to engage in new sanctions and anti-money laundering activities to interdict illicit fentanyl.

**Spurring Made-in-America Manufacturing Renaissance to Better Compete with China:** As Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, Heinrich has [held a hearing](#) and [released a report](#) highlighting the impact of the Inflation Reduction Act, Infrastructure Law, and CHIPS and Science Act – all laws Heinrich helped pass – in spurring a made-in-America manufacturing renaissance, directly combatting China's influence over America's supply chain. These laws have [unlocked investments in local companies like SolAero by Rocketlab](#) to help them directly compete against China's dominance in the semiconductor industry.

**Combatting China-Generated Illicit Vaping Equipment:** As Chairman of Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees the Food and Drug Administration, Heinrich has raised the alarm on the role of China in manufacturing harmful, illicit vaping equipment that has infiltrated the United States marketplace, and [the need for the FDA to better combat](#) these products to protect the health of Americans. In his Committee-passed FY2025 Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration Appropriations Bill, Heinrich included language specifically [directing FDA to remedy its failure to enforce the standards](#) included in the Tobacco Control Act of 2009 and stop illegal e-cigarette products, most of which are manufactured in China, from being sold to children in the United States.

**Protecting American Interests from Foreign Influence:** Heinrich recently secured Senate Appropriations Committee support of language in the FY2025 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs (SFOPs) Appropriations Bill to [protect American interests from foreign influence](#). Specifically, Heinrich successfully included \$420 million to counter malign influence from the Government of the People’s Republic of China (PRC). These funds will strengthen partner maritime security and governance; combat transnational money laundering and cybercrime linked to PRC entities; counter PRC exploitation of critical minerals and natural resources, to include rare earth elements, timber, coastal and marine resources; counter activities related to illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and shrimp and squid harvesting, including combatting human trafficking and labor exploitation; and counter corruption and support criminal justice sector institutions to reduce the ability of the PRC and PRC-linked actors to exploit vulnerabilities.

**Tackling National Security Threats from Foreign Tech:** Heinrich introduced legislation to give the Commerce Department authority – in conjunction with intelligence, law enforcement, and financial officials – to take steps to [mitigate threats from tech beholden to the Chinese Communist Party](#) and other authoritarian regimes.

**Protecting American’s Data from Being Purchased by Foreign Adversaries:** Heinrich joined his colleagues in introducing a bill to [protect Americans’ data from being purchased by foreign adversaries](#), specifically including China, responding to the Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines’ warning of the threat posed by unrestricted commercial data sales. The bill includes new protections against foreign-owned companies accessing U.S. data from abroad or sending data to unfriendly foreign nations.

**Ensuring Department of Defense Energy Security:** Heinrich and colleagues [urged the Department of Defense \(DoD\) to ensure consistent, resilient power sources](#) for critical missions and operations in remote environments, including areas like Guam. Highlighting the importance of securing U.S. leadership in the investment and deployment of nuclear energy and reactors, the senators stressed the need to counter the advancement of our foreign adversaries, including China.

**Protecting American Solar Jobs from Unintended Impacts of Solar Tariffs:** Heinrich worked to provide a two-year runway on solar tariffs to [save thousands of American jobs, keep utility-scale solar projects on track for construction](#), and build a bridge for America's domestic solar component manufacturers to scale up their operations and become more competitive on the global market.

### **Prior to 118<sup>th</sup> Congress**

#### **Passed Legislation to Help America Compete Against China:**

- Heinrich [served on a conference committee of Senate and House members](#) to finalize what eventually became the [CHIPS and Science Act](#), legislation that is boosting America’s economic competitiveness and addressing supply chain issues.

- Heinrich played an integral role in passing the Inflation Reduction Act, which includes provisions that [help America compete with China](#), progress that would be in jeopardy if IRA provisions are rolled back as Republicans have threatened.

**Passed Legislation to Ensure America’s Leadership in Artificial Intelligence:**

Heinrich, the Founder and Co-Chair of the Bipartisan Senate AI Caucus, passed four bipartisan bills to [ensure American leadership in AI](#) through the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021. Specifically, his Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act (AI-IA), Artificial Intelligence for the Armed Forces Act, National AI Research Resource Task Force Act, and Deepfakes Report Act, all critical to ensuring American leadership in AI.

**Worked to Ensure Military Readiness Against Emerging Threats Posed by China:**

As Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, Heinrich led a [hearing on ensuring military readiness](#) to address long term threats posed by China.

**Opposed Former President Trump’s Concessions to China and North Korea**

**Demands:** Heinrich [condemned former President Donald Trump’s announcement at the 2018 Singapore Summit](#) that he would suspend joint military exercises with American allies and eventually remove American military forces from the Korean peninsula—two of China and North Korea’s most coveted demands—without receiving any real commitments from them.

**Opposed Former President Trump’s Decision to Put Jobs in China Ahead of**

**American National Security:** Heinrich joined colleagues in [opposing President Trump’s direction to ease penalties imposed on China-based company ZTE](#) for selling sensitive U.S. technologies to Iran and North Korea in violation of U.S. sanctions laws, calling out the plan to “trade American sanctions enforcement to promote jobs in China” as “plainly a bad deal for American workers and for the security of all Americans.” Heinrich also [pressed Trump’s National Counterintelligence Director nominee](#) on the threat posed by ZTE.

**Opposed Trump Administration’s Decisions Prioritizing Foreign Adversaries and Diminishing Management of Nuclear Stockpile:**

Heinrich questioned the [Trump Administration decision to prioritize meeting with foreign adversaries](#) like Russia and China over meeting with NATO allies and successfully opposed the [Trump Administration’s plan to diminish management of the nation’s nuclear stockpile](#).

**Raised Concerns on the Impacts of China’s Retaliatory Tariffs on New Mexico**

**Pecans:** Heinrich raised [concerns with the retaliatory tariffs implemented by the Chinese government on 128 American product lines](#), including an additional 15% tariff on U.S. pecans, many of which are grown in New Mexico.

**Led Efforts Calling for a National Strategy on Cyber Deterrence:**

Heinrich led his colleagues in demanding that Trump [issue a national strategy for deterring malicious activity in cyberspace](#), raising concern that successive administrations had not giving enough urgency to the issue.