

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 20, 2025

Dear Secretary Rubio,

We write with alarm about the appointment of Darren Beattie as Acting Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs at the State Department. Darren Beattie's white nationalist loyalties and public glorification of our adversaries' authoritarian systems make him unqualified to serve as the top diplomat representing American values and culture to foreign audiences. This is true even in his acting capacity, which he could retain for months before the Under Secretary nominee is confirmed by the Senate. Darren Beattie's position is an affront to U.S. public diplomacy efforts and he is unfit for any role at the State Department. We ask that you immediately and permanently dismiss him from the Department.

Darren Beattie persistently traffics in white nationalist ideology that is actively hostile to Jewish Americans, women, and people of color. The Anti-Defamation League, which opposes his appointment, has [highlighted](#) his long history of involvement with "notorious racists, antisemites, and white supremacists" and his promotion of conspiracies related to the "Great Replacement theory, which is embraced by antisemites and white supremacists." Beattie has [advocated](#) for starkly racist and fascist social policies, arguing that "low-IQ, low-impulse control populations lack higher reasoning and moral faculties—they require strict corporal punishment and [threat of violence](#) to function properly within a society." He has also advocated for sterilizing "[feral populations](#)" and lamented the absence of population reduction policies because "[all I see is trash multiplying](#)." For a senior American diplomat to espouse these reprehensible, fringe views in representing the United States on the world stage would be categorically destructive to U.S. global standing.


We have serious concerns that Beattie's loyalty to white nationalist ideology supersedes his duty to advance the foreign policy interests of the United States. Beattie has repeatedly glorified China and Russia's authoritarian systems and repressive policies as superior to American democracy. He has asserted that "the future [does not belong](#) to 'liberal democracies' that care about racism" and that "the rise of non-woke (China) and anti-woke (Russia) geopolitical competitors to the Globalist American Empire is [not a bad thing](#)." He has contended that "China will win the 21st century and deserve it because they don't coddle [violent third world trash](#)." Installing someone into the top leadership of our diplomatic corps who publicly and vocally lauds our competitors, denigrates other countries, and discounts democratic values is fundamentally incompatible with the mission of public diplomacy.


Furthermore, Beattie has repeatedly amplified Chinese Communist Party (CCP) propaganda in service of his white nationalist agenda. In contrast to U.S. concerns over the People's Republic of China's (PRC) genocide of its ethnic Uyghur population in Xinjiang, Beattie claimed that "[the Chinese aren't genocidal](#). They just object to Uyghur supremacy and Uyghurness." He demanded that "any Uighur who objects to what the CCP is doing should be shamed as a [Uighur Supremacist](#)." He has also vocally [advocated](#) for replicating the CCP's use of prison camps, organ harvesting, forced labor, and mass internment as a tool of crime and population control. He


repeatedly lauded PRC repression, saying “in China this [vagrant would be sterilized](#) and his organs donated to science,” and “if this happened in China they'd send the aggressor to work the [Cobalt mines](#) for 20 years.” He also argued for PRC-style subjugation of non-white populations. “Imagine if China conquered the UK, rounded up all of the [non native Brits](#) and forced them to work in Cobalt mines in Africa. Would this be a net improvement for Britain?” The top official overseeing U.S. messaging and outreach to foreign audiences should not be an aggressive disseminator of PRC propaganda.


As Members who understand the dangers of extremism, white nationalism, and PRC disinformation, we urge you to dismiss Darren Beattie from the State Department. Beattie’s racist and pro-CCP worldview disqualifies him outright for any U.S. public diplomacy job. His opposition to U.S. global leadership and glorification of U.S. adversaries make him actively dangerous to U.S. interests. His above quotes only begin to scratch the surface of a deep repertoire of racist, fascist beliefs. We urge you to protect U.S. national security and immediately remove him from the highest echelons of American diplomacy.

Sincerely,


  
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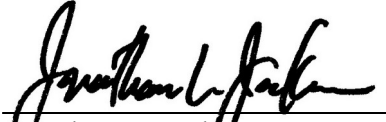
  
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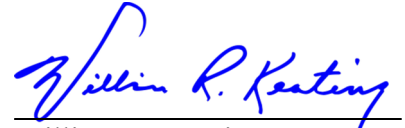
  
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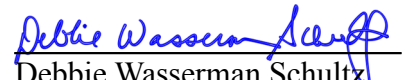
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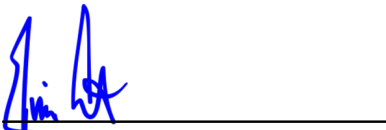
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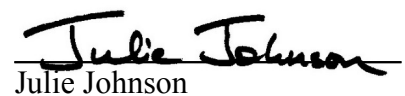
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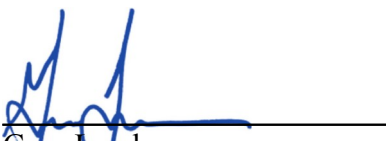
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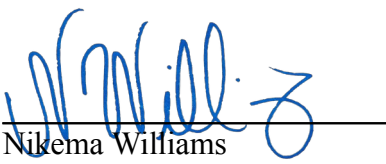
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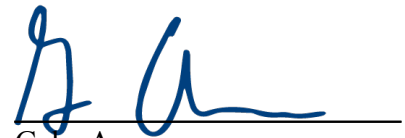
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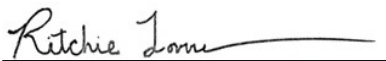
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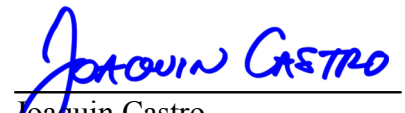
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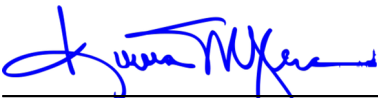
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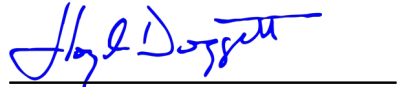
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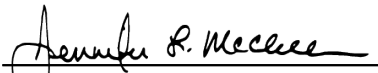
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