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I send my warmest greetings to all those gathered in Washington, D.C., for the U.S.-China Business Council's Jubilee Gala.

For half a century, your organization has sought to strengthen economic and trade ties and has advocated for a level playing field for U.S. companies in China. The world expects the United States and China to work together to address issues like the climate crisis and global food and health security, which impact lives everywhere and are too big for any nation to solve alone. I appreciate the work the Council has done over the years to advance these important conversations.

As I discussed with President Xi Jinping when I met with him last month, the United States is committed to responsibly managing the competition between our countries. In that meeting, we affirmed that, when it is possible and in our mutual interest, we will work together. In that spirit, we took tangible steps to restart our cooperation on counternarcotics and reinstate communications between our militaries. We also welcomed ongoing consultations in areas including commercial, economic, and financial issues. Talking to our competitors follows American diplomatic precedent and is a key element of maintaining global stability and delivering for our people.

I appreciate the U.S.-China Business Council's five decades of effort in supporting commercial relations between our two countries.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden".