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HB24-1029 Prohibit Foreign Ownership Ag & Natural Resources

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Edgar Dugger For themselves	<p>I fully support HB24-1029! It is imperative that foreign acquisition of agriculture lands and natural resources be severely limited, or preferably forbidden out right. But not just for the land or natural resources. ALL OWNERSHIP OF ANY COLORADO LAND OR RESOURCES BY CHINA, RUSSIA AND A STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM MUST BE PROHIBITED, WHOLLY, IMMEDIATELY AND IN PERPETUITY!</p> <p>My research indicates that Chinese entities currently own 383,934 acres in the USA. One Chinese organization, the FuFeng Group, bought 370 acres of land for a "corn milling plant" located just a mere 12 miles from Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota. This base is the home of 319th Air Base Wing that commands extensive surveillance drone operations and communications satellites. And now a Chinese entity owns 3,871 in Yuma County, Colorado today! That is a "foothold", an entry way into our state! While Russian land ownership in the USA at this time is not nearly as large, lack of restrictions on and prevention of such acquisitions and utilizations will lead to significant threats to military installations and national security.</p> <p>Colorado is currently home to nine commonly known military installations, activities and locations. The bulk of the nation's space operations is located in and around Colorado Springs. Add to that the USAF Academy and Fort Carson, along with Buckley USAF Base in Aurora, is quite apparent that foreign land ownership ANYWHERE in Colorado must be construed as a threat to the nation's security AND PROHIBITED!</p> <p>China's government owns ALL of the land within its borders. "Ownership" equates to a maximum 70-year lease from the government. Russia does allow minimal foreign ownership. But the use of and construction on these lands are highly restrictive, even</p>

	<p>more so that that of the Orwellian controls and restrictions placed on its own citizens. Yet these two countries, and other nations that support state sponsored terrorism, can purchase and occupy land in Colorado. THIS IS UNCONSCIONABLE, UNACCEPTABLE AND UNTENABLE!</p> <p>I urge the passage of this bill immediately! As a nation, we simply cannot allow anymore silent infiltration and related threats to our state AND OUR NATION!</p>
<p>Jeany Rush For themselves</p>	<p>TO: COMMITTEE FOR STATE, CIVIC MILITARY AND VETERANS'S AFFAIRS RE: HB:24-1029 SPONSOR: BRANDI BRADLEY FROM: JEANY RUSH CONCERNED CONSTITUENT COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO VOTE: YES ON THIS BILL</p> <p>Regarding foreign residents, citizens, or other foreign entities, residing in what would be considered hostile, in some way to the USA, I would certainly say that our nation should not allow them to purchase, or even control land, properties, assets in this nation. That would even go to intellectual properties, air space, conservation easements, and other forms of ownership which pertains to any properties in our nation.</p> <p>Controlling interests in land, and our various other forms of property, would allow our enemies to impact us and our national security.</p> <p>There are so many plans currently afoot in America to control some part of land, farms, agriculture, not to mention our energy sources, and if they are by foreign governments, truly is criminal.</p> <p>Selling off conservation easements, etc. should also be wrong, when sold to other nations, etc.</p> <p>This is the very least we should be doing to protect this nation.</p>