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**Comment on Trump Administration Action to Counter  
U.S. Intellectual Property Expropriation by China**

(Washington, D.C., March 22, 2018) — The following statement may be attributed to James Edwards, Executive Director, Conservatives for Property Rights:

“For years, China, as well as other foreign countries, has systematically forced American innovators to give away their intellectual property or put up with its theft or devaluation as the price of market access. This expropriation has caused much harm to U.S. competitiveness while assaulting private property rights.

“The President deserves credit for confronting China’s wholesale property theft. Reciprocity — fair play in practice — is the right goal.

“Our patents, copyrights and other IP must enable inventors and creators to enforce their property rights and exercise exclusivity over their discoveries and creations. That’s what President Reagan’s Commission on Industrial Competitiveness said, and it remains true today.”

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CPR recently released a report on the role of property rights in industrial competitiveness. For more information, go [here](#).

For a letter from conservatives regarding the Trump administration’s 301 investigation, go [here](#).