

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2205

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The Honorable Howard Lutnick
Secretary of Commerce
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Lutnick:

The Department of Commerce has the authority to investigate foreign technology which pose risks to the U.S. and protect domestic infrastructure from foreign actors. Recently the House of Representatives took action which restricted the Department of War from purchasing humanoid robotic systems which were produced by a foreign adversary.¹ While this is a first step to protect the U.S. military the broader market may remain at risk. Foreign adversaries, especially the People's Republic of China, remain a threat to America. Their military-civil fusion strategy and national intelligence laws that require citizens and companies to assist the Chinese government intelligence efforts when requested create risks for American companies who may choose to partner with them in key fields such as humanoid robotics.

Recently, a U.S. robotics company, Omnipresent Robotics, and its parent company Hyperscale Data have partnered with AGIBOT a Shanghai, China, based humanoid robotics manufacturer to import humanoid robotics components and control software, assemble them, operate them, and eventually sell them to other U.S. companies under the Omnipresent Robotics logo.² Currently, Hyperscale Data plans to import, assemble, and field a fleet of 143 robots and is producing the first batch which will be called OPR-R2.³ They will begin using them at their datacenter and robotics lab campus in Dowagiac, Michigan, to "support the development of embodied artificial intelligence applications, autonomous workflows, and advanced robotics systems."⁴ The company explains that they believe customers are interested in the multiple potential products from them including the robot and software kit, AI models trained on the data from their first fleet of humanoid robots, or a full deployed robot with software and training data.⁵

¹ "Effort to Ban Chinese Robots Moves Forward in House-Passed NDAA | Select Committee on the CCP," Select Committee on the CCP, July 22, 2026, <https://chineselectcommittee.house.gov/media/press-releases/effort-to-ban-chinese-robots-moves-forward-in-house-passed-ndaa>.

² "Appendix to Partner Agreement" May 9, 2026
https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/896493/000121465926005936/ex10_1.htm

³ "Hyperscale Data Plans to Deploy Humanoid Robots at Data Center in Michigan," DCD, July 22, 2026, <https://www.datacenterdynamics.com/en/news/hyperscale-data-plans-to-deploy-humanoid-robots-at-data-center-in-michigan/>.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ Omnipresent Robotics, "Omnipresent Robotics — Building the Loop for Embodied AI in America," Omnipresent Robotics, n.d., <https://omnipresentrobotics.com/#manifesto>.

These intelligent robots made with components from AGIBOT could pose an unacceptable risk to U.S. companies, infrastructure, and national security. AGIBOT was founded in 2023 and has previously received financial backing from BYD and the Shanghai Embodied Intelligence Fund.⁶⁷ The Department of Commerce has the authority to investigate these products and if it deems it necessary take action to keep the U.S. safe.

Sincerely,


Tim Walberg
Member of Congress

⁶ “Agibot IPO: Everything You Need to Know | Capital.com Australia,” n.d., <https://capital.com/en-au/learn/ipo/agibot-ipo>.

⁷ “JD.com Backs Humanoid Robotics Unicorn In Strategic Bet On Embodied Intelligence | TMTPOST,” n.d. <https://en.tmtpost.com/post/7576892>.