

Mr. Chairman, Ranking Member, and distinguished members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today on a matter of profound national security and sovereignty concern: the exploitation of America's birthright citizenship policy through **birth tourism** and related practices, particularly by nationals of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and elements connected to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

As we welcomed the first American newborn of 2025 in the early morning of January 1, that child was born not to American parents, but to Chinese citizens. The mother had deliberately traveled to U.S. soil—in this case, the territory of Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)—to ensure the child received automatic U.S. citizenship under current interpretations of the Fourteenth Amendment. This is the practice known as **birth tourism**.

The scale of this exploitation is staggering, yet the U.S. federal government does not systematically track it. Chinese officials have estimated 50,000 of their citizens per year engage in birth tourism; scholars such as Australian professor Salvatore Babones suggest the number is closer to 100,000 annually, potentially resulting in millions of new elite. American “citizens” reared and acculturated in Communist China. Chinese data firms reported 150,000 arrivals for this purpose in 2018 alone.

This practice has flourished over the past 15 years, meaning that at least 750,000—and possibly up to 1.5 million—Chinese nationals now hold U.S. citizenship by birth on American soil. These individuals grow up in China, often educated in CCP-controlled schools with distorted views of U.S. history, values, and culture. They have no lived connection or demonstrated allegiance to our country, yet they possess full rights as U.S. citizens: the ability to vote in elections, relocate here at will, and—upon turning 21—sponsor their parents as permanent residents.

Even more insidious is the use of **surrogacy** in the United States to produce children for senior CCP officials and elites. These children are born to American surrogate mothers—often specifically requested to be Caucasian, blonde, and blue-eyed—granting them automatic citizenship. The children are then taken to China and raised there.

A prominent example emerged in May 2025, when authorities discovered 15 children, ages two months to 13 years, in an Arcadia, California mansion owned by a Chinese businessman and CCP insider. He used his own company, Mark Surrogacy Investment LLC, to arrange surrogacies across multiple states. In total, 21 children were linked to him. The Wall Street Journal recently ran a story about another Chinese executive who is said to have over 100 children via surrogacy.

These cases highlight a largely unregulated surrogacy industry in states like California, where over 100 companies with "surrogacy" in their names are owned by Chinese individuals. IVF and surrogacy services for Chinese clients have even been tied to China's Belt and Road Initiative.

China officially says that it does not allow dual citizenship and that surrogacy is illegal. However, Beijing's government run news outlets explain and encourage the practice of birth tourism to the Chinese elite. As far back as 2011, *China Daily*, the government's main newspaper, offered a lesson in American constitutional law to their millions of readers, explaining, "Thanks to the Fourteenth Amendment to the US Constitution, children born on US soil automatically become US citizens, regardless of where their parents hail from." The paper noted how awareness of the amendment had contributed to a rise in "birth tourism," and "more intermediaries providing cross-border baby delivery service [in China]."

"As soon as the baby takes its first breath, the names of the clients go on the birth certificate immediately," a birth tourism executive bragged in a nationalist website called Global Times in China. The title of the article was "Rent-A-Womb."

There has little if any concern expressed in official CCP organs about “dual loyalties” with the practice.

The CCP allows thousands of birth tourism and surrogacy companies to openly advertise their businesses in China. Why? Clearly because Beijing views it as beneficial to China.

These practices represent a potential long-term national security vulnerability. As the State Department noted during the Obama administration in testimony to a Senate committee: Permitting short-term visitors with no ties to the U.S. to obtain visas primarily for birth tourism "creates a potential long-term vulnerability for national security," allowing children to bypass naturalization scrutiny.

This is not merely immigration policy; it is civilizational defense. Thank you for your attention. I welcome your questions.