

## APPG FOR BRITISH BUSES MINISTERIAL LETTER

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Dear Minister,

We are writing as co-chairs of the APPG for British Buses to express our deep concerns with the contents of an [article](#), published yesterday morning by *The Guardian*, which states that Danish and Norwegian authorities are investigating the risk of Chinese-made electric buses being remotely controlled by their Chinese manufacturers.

As you will be aware, Chinese buses are becoming increasingly common on UK roads. Much of this has been facilitated by state subsidy, with the previous Government sending a substantial portion of the funding dedicated for British built buses abroad and the ZEB and ScotZEB2 schemes sending a substantial number of orders abroad. The latter sending 67% of their orders to Chinese manufacturers while less than 20% went to Scotland's sole manufacturer.

This is already having an impact on the UK bus manufacturing sector's ability to create jobs and maintain their historic industrial base here in the UK, and on the domestic supply chain that serves this sector.

In addition, it is becoming increasingly clear that there is potential for the quantity of Chinese-manufactured electric buses on UK roads to represent a national security risk, as suppliers could be able to remotely access and exploit vehicles' control systems while in transit.

In light of this, we, as co-chairs of the APPG for British Buses, are calling on the Government to urge that they, along with local authorities and operators, launch an urgent investigation of their own into the numbers and operation of existing Chinese buses on our streets and the prospect of Chinese manufacturers being able to disable these products mid-transit.

We also call on Ministers to make urgent interventions to the exponential rise in the market share of Chinese bus manufacturers in the UK, and to back British manufacturers to protect the health of UK plc.

We look forward to your response.

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