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Michael Sobolik, a fellow at the American Foreign Policy Council who researches China issues, told the Washington Free Beacon the Biden order was "strange" due to its omission of Sugon, though it otherwise makes steps in the right direction by extending sanctions on other Chinese tech giants such as Huawei and Hikvision.

"It's strange that the Biden administration removed Sugon from the list," Sobolik said. "This company's resources have supported the CCP's draconian surveillance in Xinjiang—specifically, the Orwellian model of 'predictive policing.' Some members of Congress have also warned that Sugon has also been involved in the PLA's nuclear and hypersonic glide vehicle testing programs. Sugon seems to check both boxes of the EO, which raises questions as to why it's delisted. The administration may have a perfectly reasonable explanation; if so, officials should clarify their decision."

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