

Statement from Super Micro Computer Inc.

*In an emailed statement, Supermicro disputed a summary of Bloomberg's reporting. The company's statement is published here in full.*

Bloomberg's story, as they have characterized it to us, is a mishmash of disparate and inaccurate allegations that date back many years. It draws farfetched conclusions that once again don't withstand scrutiny. Despite Bloomberg's allegations about supposed cyber or national security investigations that date back 10 years, Supermicro has never been contacted by the U.S. government, or by any of our partners or customers, about these alleged investigations. Bloomberg has produced no conclusions from these alleged investigations. Nor could Bloomberg confirm to us if any alleged investigation was even ongoing. To the contrary, several of the U.S. government agencies Bloomberg claims had initiated investigations continue to use our products and have done so for years.

Because we recognize that security threats are constantly evolving, we are vigilant and address issues as soon as we become aware of them. For example, years ago, Intel raised a question that we were not able to verify, but out of an abundance of caution, we promptly took steps to address. We have always valued our close partnership with Intel, which has always been strong.

Bloomberg continues to attempt to revive its false and widely discredited 2018 story. In response to those allegations, we have never found any malicious chips, even after engaging a third-party security firm to conduct an independent investigation on our products. Nor have we been informed by any customer or government agency that such chips have ever been found. In 2018, several public and private sector officials rebutted the story on the record. Then-Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen [said](#) we "do not have any evidence that supports the article," then-Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats [stated](#) "we've seen no evidence" of manipulation of Supermicro products, Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Christopher Wray [warned](#) officials to "be careful what you read" about the 2018 Bloomberg claims, and Apple CEO Tim Cook [said](#) "it is 100 percent a lie, there is no truth to it" and urged Bloomberg to "do the right thing" and "retract their story."

Supermicro is an American success story and the security and integrity of our products is a top priority.