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U.S. Sen. Charles E. Schumer, the Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee and a member of the Senate Finance Committee, released the following statement in response to China's execution of its chief food and drug minister, Zheng Xiaoyu, who was found guilty of being bribed to approve untested, dangerous medicines:

"If China thinks that its issues with food and product safety are going to be fixed with these types of executions, it shows how much they just don't get it. China's surreal response to a very real problem demonstrates just how far it has to go before the U.S. can trust Chinese imports. It is increased oversight and serious inspections that will move us in the right direction."

Sen. Schumer has called for an "Import Czar" to oversee all matters pertaining to consumer protection from Chinese imports, including coordinating the efforts of more than a half dozen agencies currently charged with consumer safety related to imports.

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