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In this Jan. 28, 2020 file photo, people work on a production line at a factory for medical masks in Hai'an in eastern China's Jiangsu Province. The U.S. ambassador to China Terry Branstad said Wednesday, April 15, 2020, that he doesn't believe Beijing is deliberately blocking exports of personal protective equipment and medical supplies, adding that the shipment of 1,200 tons of such products to the U.S. could not have been possible without Chinese support.

A production line at a factory for medical masks in Hai'an in eastern China's Jiangsu province on Jan. 28, 2020.

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People look after their elderly relatives lying on stretchers and receiving intravenous drips while using ventilators at the Changhai Hospital hall in Shanghai, China, Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023. As COVID-19 rips through China, other countries and the World Health Organization are calling on its government to share more comprehensive data on the outbreak. Some even say many of the reported numbers are meaningless.

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Yu Haiyang

Employees make face masks on a production line at a glove factory, which has started producing face masks as overseas orders for masks at an all time high amid the coronavirus outbreak, on May 16, 2020 in Shenyang, Liaoning Province of China.

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