

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. President:

As co-chairs of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, we write in advance of your visit to the People's Republic of China (PRC) to emphasize the mutual interests of the United States and our important strategic partner, Taiwan.


Taiwan is a significant economic and security partner, dating back to the earliest years of the Cold War. Taiwan contributes a welcome voice in the Asia-Pacific, given its commitment to democracy, humanitarian efforts, science, technology, and culture. At a time when democracies are under threat around the world, Taiwan has maintained its robust democratic institutions, regularly holding free and fair elections and supporting civil society. U.S.-Taiwan relations continue to develop through increasing trade, educational and cultural exchanges, security cooperation, and Taiwan's participation in the international community.

The United States and Taiwan established an enduring partnership through the passage of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 and the deliverance of the Six Assurances in 1982. Adhering to these commitments is in the vital U.S. national security interest. Upholding these commitments, as every president since TRA's passage in 1979 has done, will not only demonstrate the continuity of U.S. policy towards Taiwan, but will also assert the U.S. position on an issue in the Asia-Pacific region critical to U.S. economic and security interests.

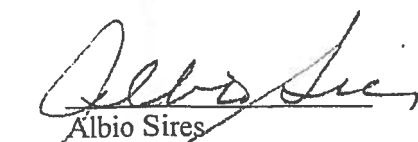
Taiwan is one of our closest allies in the region, and Congressional support of Taiwan remains strong and bipartisan. Our two peoples share many of the same values, and a commitment to democracy and the rule of law. As you prepare for your visit, we urge you and your Administration to consult with the Congress, especially on issues related to Taiwan.

We wish you success in your upcoming visit to the PRC.


Sincerely,




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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



Gerald E. Connolly
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Gregg Harper
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