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To foster security in Taiwan, and for other purposes.

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Mr. MCCAUL (for himself, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. YOHO, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, and Mr. CONNOLLY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To foster security in Taiwan, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Taiwan Assurance Act
5 of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) April 10, 2019, marks the 40th anniversary
9 of the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (Public Law
10 96–8).

1 (2) Since 1949, the close relationship between
2 the United States and Taiwan has benefitted both
3 parties and the broader Indo-Pacific region.

4 (3) The security of Taiwan and its democracy
5 are key elements of continued peace and stability of
6 the greater Indo-Pacific region, which is in the polit-
7 ical, security, and economic interests of the United
8 States.

9 (4) The People’s Republic of China is currently
10 engaged in a comprehensive military modernization
11 campaign to enhance the power-projection capabili-
12 ties of the People’s Liberation Army and its ability
13 to conduct joint operations, which is shifting the
14 military balance of power across the Taiwan Strait.

15 (5) Taiwan and its diplomatic partners continue
16 to face sustained pressure and coercion from the
17 People’s Republic of China, which seeks to isolate
18 Taiwan from the international community.

19 (6) It is the policy of the United States to rein-
20 force its commitments to Taiwan under the Taiwan
21 Relations Act in a manner consistent with the “Six
22 Assurances” and in accordance with the United
23 States “One China” policy.

24 (7) In the Taiwan Travel Act, which became
25 law on March 16, 2018, Congress observed that the

1 “self-imposed restrictions that the United States
2 maintains on high-level visits” between the United
3 States and Taiwan have resulted in insufficient
4 high-level communication.

5 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

6 It is the sense of Congress that—

7 (1) Taiwan is a vital part of the United States
8 Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy;

9 (2) the United States Government—

10 (A) supports Taiwan’s continued pursuit of
11 asymmetric capabilities and concepts; and

12 (B) urges Taiwan to increase its defense
13 spending in order to fully resource its defense
14 strategy; and

15 (3) the United States should conduct regular
16 sales and transfers of defense articles to Taiwan in
17 order to enhance its self-defense capabilities, par-
18 ticularly its efforts to develop and integrate asym-
19 metric capabilities, including undersea warfare and
20 air defense capabilities, into its military forces.

21 **SEC. 4. TAIWAN’S INCLUSION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANI-**
22 **ZATIONS.**

23 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
24 gress that the People’s Republic of China’s attempts to
25 dictate the terms of Taiwan’s participation in inter-

1 national organizations, has, in many cases, resulted in
2 Taiwan's exclusion from such organizations even when
3 statehood is not a requirement, and that such exclusion—

4 (1) is detrimental to global health, civilian air
5 safety, and efforts to counter transnational crime;

6 (2) negatively impacts the safety and security
7 of citizens globally; and

8 (3) negatively impacts the security of Taiwan
9 and its democracy.

10 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
11 United States to advocate for Taiwan's meaningful par-
12 ticipation in the United Nations, the World Health Assem-
13 bly, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the
14 International Criminal Police Organization, and other
15 international bodies, as appropriate, and to advocate for
16 Taiwan's membership in the Food and Agriculture Orga-
17 nization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and
18 Cultural Organization, and other international organiza-
19 tions for which statehood is not a requirement for mem-
20 bership.

21 **SEC. 5. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE TAIWAN**
22 **GUIDELINES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
24 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
25 shall conduct a review of the Department of State's guid-

1 ance that governs relations with Taiwan, including the
2 periodic memorandum entitled “Guidelines on Relations
3 with Taiwan” and related documents, and reissue such
4 guidance to executive branch departments and agencies.

5 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
6 gress that the Department of State’s guidance regarding
7 relations with Taiwan—

8 (1) should be crafted with the intent to deepen
9 and expand United States-Taiwan relations, and be
10 based on the value, merits, and importance of the
11 United States-Taiwan relationship;

12 (2) should be crafted giving due consideration
13 to the fact that Taiwan is governed by a representa-
14 tive democratic government that is peacefully con-
15 stituted through free and fair elections that reflect
16 the will of the people of Taiwan, and that Taiwan
17 is a free and open society that respects universal
18 human rights and democratic values; and

19 (3) should ensure that the conduct of relations
20 with Taiwan reflects the longstanding, comprehen-
21 sive, and values-based relationship the United States
22 shares with Taiwan, and contribute to the peaceful
23 resolution of cross-Strait issues.

24 (c) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than
25 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the

1 Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee on For-
2 eign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on For-
3 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives a report that
4 includes a description of—

5 (1) the results of the review pursuant to sub-
6 section (a) of the Department of State’s guidance on
7 relations with Taiwan, including a copy of the re-
8 issued “Guidelines of Relations with Taiwan” memo-
9 randum; and

10 (2) the implementation of the Taiwan Travel
11 Act (Public Law 115–135) and any changes to guid-
12 ance on relations with Taiwan that are the result of
13 such implementation.

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