

116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 1678

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## AN ACT

To express United States support for Taiwan's diplomatic alliances around the world.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Taiwan Allies Inter-  
3 national Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI)  
4 Act of 2019”.

5 **SEC. 2. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
7 ings:

8 (1) The Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (Public  
9 Law 96–8) states that it is the policy of the United  
10 States “to preserve and promote extensive, close,  
11 and friendly commercial, cultural, and other rela-  
12 tions between the people of the United States and  
13 the people on Taiwan”.

14 (2) The Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 states  
15 that it is the policy of the United States “to main-  
16 tain the capacity of the United States to resist any  
17 resort to force or other forms of coercion that would  
18 jeopardize the security, or the social or economic  
19 system, of the people on Taiwan”.

20 (3) Taiwan is a free, democratic, and pros-  
21 perous nation of 23,000,000 people and an impor-  
22 tant contributor to peace and stability around the  
23 world.

24 (4) Since the election of President Tsai Ing-wen  
25 as President of Taiwan in 2016, the Government of

1 the People’s Republic of China has intensified its ef-  
2 forts to pressure Taiwan.

3 (5) Since 2016, the Gambia, Sao Tome and  
4 Principe, Panama, the Dominican Republic, Burkina  
5 Faso, El Salvador, the Solomon Islands, and  
6 Kiribati have severed diplomatic relations with Tai-  
7 wan in favor of diplomatic relations with China.

8 (6) Taiwan currently maintains full diplomatic  
9 relations with 15 nations around the world.

10 (7) Taiwan’s unofficial relations with the  
11 United States, Australia, India, Japan, and other  
12 countries are of significant benefit in strengthening  
13 Taiwan’s economy and preserving its international  
14 space.

15 (8) According to President Tsai Ing-wen, the  
16 severance of diplomatic ties with Taiwan in favor of  
17 diplomatic relations with China is “part of a series  
18 of diplomatic and military acts of coercion” by  
19 China.

20 (9) The Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of  
21 2018 (Public Law 115–409) states that—

22 (A) it is United States policy “to support  
23 the close economic, political, and security rela-  
24 tionship between Taiwan and the United  
25 States”; and

1 (B) the President should—

2 (i) “conduct regular transfers of de-  
3 fense articles to Taiwan that are tailored  
4 to meet the existing and likely future  
5 threats from the People’s Republic of  
6 China, including supporting the efforts of  
7 Taiwan to develop and integrate asym-  
8 metric capabilities, as appropriate, includ-  
9 ing mobile, survivable, and cost-effective  
10 capabilities, into its military forces”; and

11 (ii) “encourage the travel of high-level  
12 United States officials to Taiwan, in ac-  
13 cordance with the Taiwan Travel Act”.

14 **SEC. 3. STRENGTHENING OF OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL**  
15 **TIES WITH TAIWAN.**

16 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
17 gress that the United States Government should—

18 (1) support Taiwan in strengthening its official  
19 diplomatic relationships as well as unofficial partner-  
20 ships with countries in the Indo-Pacific region and  
21 around the world;

22 (2) consider, in certain cases as appropriate  
23 and in alignment with United States interests, in-  
24 creasing its economic, security, and diplomatic en-  
25 gagement with nations that have demonstrably

1 strengthened, enhanced, or upgraded relations with  
2 Taiwan; and

3 (3) consider, in certain cases as appropriate  
4 and in alignment with United States interests, re-  
5 ducing its economic, security, and diplomatic en-  
6 gagement with nations that take serious or signifi-  
7 cant actions to undermine Taiwan.

8 (b) CONSULTATION.—Not less than 30 days before  
9 increasing or decreasing the United States Government’s  
10 economic, security, or diplomatic engagement with another  
11 nation as a result of an action taken by that nation to  
12 either strengthen or undermine ties with Taiwan, the Sec-  
13 retary of State shall consult with the appropriate congres-  
14 sional committees with respect to the proposed United  
15 States action or actions.

16 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act  
17 shall be construed to supersede or otherwise alter obliga-  
18 tions to comply with the notification procedures applicable  
19 to reprogramming pursuant to section 634A of the For-  
20 eign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2394–1).

21 **SEC. 4. POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES WITH REGARD TO**  
22 **TAIWAN’S PARTICIPATION IN INTER-**  
23 **NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

24 It should be the policy of the United States—

25 (1) to advocate, as appropriate—

1 (A) for Taiwan’s membership in all inter-  
2 national organizations in which statehood is not  
3 a requirement and in which the United States  
4 is also a participant; and

5 (B) for Taiwan to be granted observer sta-  
6 tus in other appropriate international organiza-  
7 tions;

8 (2) to instruct, as appropriate, representatives  
9 of the United States Government in all organizations  
10 described in paragraph (1) to use the voice, vote,  
11 and influence of the United States to advocate for  
12 Taiwan’s membership or observer status in such or-  
13 ganizations; and

14 (3) for the President or the President’s des-  
15 ignees to advocate, as appropriate, for Taiwan’s  
16 membership or observer status in all organizations  
17 described in paragraph (1) as part of any relevant  
18 bilateral engagements between the United States  
19 and the People’s Republic of China, including leader  
20 summits and the U.S.-China Comprehensive Eco-  
21 nomic Dialogue.

22 **SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON TRADE NEGOTIATIONS**  
23 **WITH TAIWAN.**

24 It is the sense of Congress that the United States  
25 should engage in bilateral trade negotiations with Taiwan,

1 with the goal of entering into a free trade agreement that  
2 is of mutual economic benefit and that protects United  
3 States workers and benefits United States exporters.

4 **SEC. 6. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**

5 **FINED.**

6 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-  
7 mittees” means—

8 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and  
9 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

10 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the  
11 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-  
12 resentatives.

Passed the Senate October 29, 2019.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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