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Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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

(B) the President should—

(i) “conduct regular transfers of defense articles to Taiwan that are tailored to meet the existing and likely future threats from the People’s Republic of China, including supporting the efforts of Taiwan to develop and integrate asymmetric capabilities, as appropriate, including mobile, survivable, and cost-effective capabilities, into its military forces”; and

(ii) “encourage the travel of high-level United States officials to Taiwan, in accordance with the Taiwan Travel Act”.

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

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the United States Government should—

(1) support Taiwan in strengthening its official diplomatic relationships as well as unofficial partnerships with countries in the Indo-Pacific region and around the world;

(2) consider, in certain cases as appropriate and in alignment with United States interests, increasing its economic, security, and diplomatic engagement 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—

(A) for Taiwan's membership in all international organizations in which statehood is not a requirement and in which the United States is also a participant; and

(B) for Taiwan to be granted observer status in other appropriate international organizations;

(2) to instruct, as appropriate, representatives of the United States Government in all organizations described in paragraph (1) to use the voice, vote, and influence of the United States to advocate for Taiwan's membership or observer status in such organizations; and

(3) for the President or the President's designees to advocate, as appropriate, for Taiwan's membership or observer status in all organizations described in paragraph (1) as part of any relevant bilateral engagements between the United States and the People's Republic of China, including leader summits and the U.S.-China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue.

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

It is the sense of Congress that the United States 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: JULIE E. ADAMS,
Secretary.