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

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Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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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 Allies Inter-
5 national Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI)
6 Act of 2019”.

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

8 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
9 ings:

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

7 (2) The Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 states
8 that it is the policy of the United States “to main-
9 tain the capacity of the United States to resist any
10 resort to force or other forms of coercion that would
11 jeopardize the security, or the social or economic
12 system, of the people on Taiwan”.

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

17 (4) Since the election of President Tsai Ing-wen
18 as President of Taiwan in 2016, the Government of
19 the People’s Republic of China has intensified its ef-
20 forts to pressure Taiwan.

21 (5) Since 2016, the Gambia, Sao Tome and
22 Principe, Panama, the Dominican Republic, Burkina
23 Faso, and El Salvador have severed diplomatic rela-
24 tions with Taiwan in favor of diplomatic relations
25 with China.

1 (6) Taiwan currently maintains full diplomatic
2 relations with 17 nations around the world.

3 (7) According to President Tsai Ing-wen, the
4 severance of diplomatic ties is “part of a series of
5 diplomatic and military acts of coercion”.

6 (8) The Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of
7 2018 (Public Law 115–409) states that—

8 (A) it is United States policy “to support
9 the close economic, political, and security rela-
10 tionship between Taiwan and the United
11 States”; and

12 (B) the President should—

13 (i) “conduct regular transfers of de-
14 fense articles to Taiwan that are tailored
15 to meet the existing and likely future
16 threats from the People’s Republic of
17 China, including supporting the efforts of
18 Taiwan to develop and integrate asym-
19 metric capabilities, as appropriate, includ-
20 ing mobile, survivable, and cost-effective
21 capabilities, into its military forces”; and

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

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON UNITED STATES STRATEGY REGARD-**
2 **ING TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL RECOGNI-**
3 **TION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days
6 thereafter, the Secretary of State or a designee of the Sec-
7 retary shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
8 mittees a report on actions taken by the United States
9 to reaffirm and strengthen Taiwan's international alli-
10 ances around the world.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by subsection
12 (a) shall include the following elements:

13 (1) A description of the actions taken by the
14 Secretary of State, or designees of the Secretary, ef-
15 fective May 20, 2016, to consult with governments
16 around the world, including the governments that
17 maintain official diplomatic relations with Taiwan,
18 with the purpose of inducing those governments to
19 maintain official diplomatic relations with Taiwan or
20 otherwise strengthen unofficial relations with Tai-
21 wan.

22 (2) An enumeration of specific countries of con-
23 cern, if any, and a description of the actions taken,
24 or actions anticipated, by those governments, com-
25 mencing May 20, 2016, to alter the formal diplo-

1 matic ties with Taiwan or to otherwise downgrade
2 official or unofficial relations.

3 (3) A plan of action to engage with the govern-
4 ments of the countries identified in paragraphs (1)
5 and (2) and increase cooperation with respect to
6 Taiwan.

7 (c) FORM OF REPORT.—Each report required by sub-
8 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may
9 include a classified annex.

10 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION TO CONSIDER MODIFICATION OF**
11 **UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE**
12 **WITH NATIONS TAKING ACTIONS TO UNDER-**
13 **MINE TAIWAN.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State may con-
15 sider taking such action to modify United States diplo-
16 matic presence as necessary and appropriate to provide
17 incentives to countries considering or taking steps to alter
18 or downgrade official or unofficial ties with Taiwan.

19 (b) ACTIONS INCLUDED.—Actions described in sub-
20 section (a) may include—

21 (1) supplementing or reducing the appropriate
22 diplomatic presence in the United States of coun-
23 tries identified pursuant to section 3 as having
24 taken, or anticipating, actions to alter formal diplo-

1 matic ties with Taiwan or otherwise downgrade rela-
2 tions; and

3 (2) supplementing or reducing the diplomatic
4 presence of the United States in those countries.

5 (c) CONSULTATION.—Not less than 30 days before
6 taking any action under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
7 consult with the appropriate congressional committees
8 with respect to the action.

9 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION TO CONSIDER ADJUSTMENT OF**
10 **UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE TO NATIONS**
11 **TAKING ACTIONS TO UNDERMINE TAIWAN.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State may con-
13 sider the expansion, termination, or reduction of United
14 States foreign assistance to countries identified pursuant
15 to section 3 as having taken, or anticipating, actions to
16 alter or downgrade official or unofficial ties with Taiwan
17 or otherwise downgrade relations.

18 (b) ASSISTANCE INCLUDED.—Assistance for consid-
19 eration under subsection (a) may include—

20 (1) assistance under chapter 4 of part II of the
21 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2346 et
22 seq.; relating to the Economic Support Fund);

23 (2) military assistance provided pursuant to
24 section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act (22

1 U.S.C. 2763; relating to the Foreign Military Fi-
 2 nancing Program); and

3 (3) assistance provided under chapter 5 of part
 4 II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
 5 2347 et seq.; relating to international military edu-
 6 cation and training).

7 (c) CONSULTATION.—Not less than 30 days before
 8 taking any action under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
 9 consult with the appropriate congressional committees
 10 with respect to the action, as well as comply with the noti-
 11 fication procedures applicable to reprogramming pursuant
 12 to section 634A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
 13 (22 U.S.C. 2394–1).

14 **SEC. 6. POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES WITH REGARD TO**
 15 **TAIWAN’S PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATION-**
 16 **AL ORGANIZATIONS.**

17 It should be the policy of the United States—

18 (1) to advocate, as appropriate—

19 (A) for Taiwan’s membership in all inter-
 20 national organizations in which statehood is not
 21 a requirement and in which the United States
 22 is also a participant; and

23 (B) for Taiwan to be granted observer sta-
 24 tus in other appropriate international organiza-
 25 tions;

1 (2) to instruct, as appropriate, representatives
 2 of the United States Government in all organizations
 3 described in paragraph (1) to use the voice and vote
 4 of the United States to advocate for Taiwan’s mem-
 5 bership or observer status in such organizations; and

6 (3) for the President or the President’s des-
 7 ignees to advocate, as appropriate, for Taiwan’s
 8 membership or observer status in all organizations
 9 described in paragraph (1) as part of any relevant
 10 bilateral engagements between the United States
 11 and the People’s Republic of China, including leader
 12 summits and the U.S.-China Comprehensive Eco-
 13 nomic Dialogue.

14 **SEC. 7. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**
 15 **FINED.**

16 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
 17 mittees” means—

18 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
 19 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

20 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
 21 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
 22 resentatives.

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