

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

March 4, 2020.

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 1678) entitled “An Act to express United States support for Taiwan’s diplomatic alliances around the world.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

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 findings:*

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

13 (2) *The Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 states that*
14 *it is the policy of the United States “to maintain the*
15 *capacity of the United States to resist any resort to*

1 *force or other forms of coercion that would jeopardize*
 2 *the security, or the social or economic system, of the*
 3 *people on Taiwan”.*

4 *(3) Taiwan is a free, democratic, and prosperous*
 5 *nation of 23,000,000 people and an important con-*
 6 *tributor to peace and stability around the world.*

7 *(4) Since the election of President Tsai Ing-wen*
 8 *as President of Taiwan in 2016, the Government of*
 9 *the People’s Republic of China has intensified its ef-*
 10 *forts to pressure Taiwan.*

11 *(5) Since 2016, the Gambia, Sao Tome and*
 12 *Principe, Panama, the Dominican Republic, Burkina*
 13 *Faso, El Salvador, the Solomon Islands, and Kiribati*
 14 *have severed diplomatic relations with Taiwan in*
 15 *favor of diplomatic relations with China.*

16 *(6) Taiwan currently maintains full diplomatic*
 17 *relations with 15 nations around the world.*

18 *(7) Taiwan’s unique relationship with the*
 19 *United States, Australia, India, Japan, and other*
 20 *countries are of significant benefit in strengthening*
 21 *Taiwan’s economy and preserving its international*
 22 *space.*

23 *(8) According to President Tsai Ing-wen, the sev-*
 24 *erance of diplomatic ties with Taiwan in favor of*
 25 *diplomatic relations with China is “part of a series*

1 of diplomatic and military acts of coercion” by
2 China.

3 (9) *The Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018*
4 (Public Law 115–409) states that—

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

9 (B) the President should—

10 (i) “conduct regular transfers of de-
11 fense articles to Taiwan that are tailored to
12 meet the existing and likely future threats
13 from the People’s Republic of China, includ-
14 ing supporting the efforts of Taiwan to de-
15 velop and integrate asymmetric capabilities,
16 as appropriate, including mobile, surviv-
17 able, and cost-effective capabilities, into its
18 military forces”; and

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

22 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC**
23 **RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN.**

24 *It is the sense of Congress that—*

1 (1) *the United States and Taiwan have built a*
 2 *strong economic partnership, with the United States*
 3 *now Taiwan's second largest trading partner and*
 4 *with Taiwan the 11th largest trading partner of the*
 5 *United States and a key destination for United States*
 6 *agricultural exports;*

7 (2) *strong United States-Taiwan economic rela-*
 8 *tions have been a positive factor in stimulating eco-*
 9 *nomic growth and job creation for the people of both*
 10 *the United States and Taiwan; and*

11 (3) *the United States Trade Representative*
 12 *should consult with Congress on opportunities for fur-*
 13 *ther strengthening bilateral trade and economic rela-*
 14 *tions between the United States and Taiwan.*

15 **SEC. 4. POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES WITH REGARD TO**
 16 **TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN INTER-**
 17 **NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

18 *It should be the policy of the United States—*

19 (1) *to advocate, as appropriate—*

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

1 (B) for Taiwan to be granted observer sta-
2 tus in other appropriate international organiza-
3 tions;

4 (2) to instruct, as appropriate, representatives of
5 the United States Government in all organizations
6 described in paragraph (1) to use the voice, vote, and
7 influence of the United States to advocate for Tai-
8 wan's membership or observer status in such organi-
9 zations; and

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

17 **SEC. 5. STRENGTHENING OF TIES WITH TAIWAN.**

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

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

24 (2) consider, in certain cases as appropriate and
25 in alignment with United States interests, increasing

1 *its economic, security, and diplomatic engagement*
 2 *with nations that have demonstrably strengthened, en-*
 3 *hanced, or upgraded relations with Taiwan; and*

4 *(3) consider, in certain cases as appropriate, in*
 5 *alignment with United States foreign policy interests*
 6 *and in consultation with Congress, altering its eco-*
 7 *nomics, security, and diplomatic engagement with na-*
 8 *tions that take serious or significant actions to under-*
 9 *mine the security or prosperity of Taiwan.*

10 *(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of*
 11 *the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for five*
 12 *years, the Secretary of State shall report to the appropriate*
 13 *congressional committees on the steps taken in accordance*
 14 *with subsection (a).*

15 *(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-*
 16 *FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-*
 17 *sional committees” means—*

18 *(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the*
 19 *Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on*
 20 *Finance of the Senate; and*

- 1 (2) *the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Com-*
- 2 *mittee on Appropriations, and the Committee on*
- 3 *Ways and Means of the House of Representatives.*

Attest:

Clerk.

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