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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CURTIS (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. SIRES, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, and Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was 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

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## A BILL

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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,*

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”.

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

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
3 ings:

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

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

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

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

24 (5) Since 2016, the Gambia, Sao Tome and  
25 Principe, Panama, the Dominican Republic, Burkina  
26 Faso, El Salvador, the Solomon Islands, and

1 Kiribati have severed diplomatic relations with Tai-  
2 wan in favor of diplomatic relations with China.

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

5 (7) Taiwan’s unofficial relations with the  
6 United States, Australia, India, Japan, and other  
7 countries are of significant benefit in strengthening  
8 Taiwan’s economy and preserving its international  
9 space.

10 (8) According to President Tsai Ing-wen, the  
11 severance of diplomatic ties with Taiwan in favor of  
12 diplomatic relations with China is “part of a series  
13 of diplomatic and military acts of coercion” by  
14 China.

15 (9) The Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of  
16 2018 (Public Law 115–409) states that—

17 (A) it is United States policy “to support  
18 the close economic, political, and security rela-  
19 tionship between Taiwan and the United  
20 States”; and

21 (B) the President should—

22 (i) “conduct regular transfers of de-  
23 fense articles to Taiwan that are tailored  
24 to meet the existing and likely future  
25 threats from the People’s Republic of

1 China, including supporting the efforts of  
2 Taiwan to develop and integrate asym-  
3 metric capabilities, as appropriate, includ-  
4 ing mobile, survivable, and cost-effective  
5 capabilities, into its military forces”; and

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

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

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

13 (1) support Taiwan in strengthening its official  
14 diplomatic relationships as well as unofficial partner-  
15 ships with countries in the Indo-Pacific region and  
16 around the world;

17 (2) consider, in certain cases as appropriate  
18 and in alignment with United States interests, in-  
19 creasing its economic, security, and diplomatic en-  
20 gagement with nations that have demonstrably  
21 strengthened, enhanced, or upgraded relations with  
22 Taiwan; and

23 (3) consider, in certain cases as appropriate  
24 and in alignment with United States interests, re-  
25 ducing its economic, security, and diplomatic en-

1        gagement with nations that take serious or signifi-  
2        cant actions to undermine Taiwan.

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

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

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

19        It should be the policy of the United States—

20                (1) to advocate, as appropriate—

21                        (A) for Taiwan’s membership in all inter-  
22                        national organizations in which statehood is not  
23                        a requirement and in which the United States  
24                        is 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  
5 of the United States Government in all organizations  
6 described in paragraph (1) to use the voice, vote,  
7 and influence of the United States to advocate for  
8 Taiwan's membership or observer status in such or-  
9 ganizations; and

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

18 **SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON TRADE NEGOTIATIONS**

19 **WITH TAIWAN.**

20 It is the sense of Congress that the United States  
21 should engage in bilateral trade negotiations with Taiwan,  
22 with the goal of entering into a free trade agreement that  
23 is of mutual economic benefit and that protects United  
24 States workers and benefits United States exporters.

1 **SEC. 6. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**  
2 **FINED.**

3 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-  
4 mittees” means—

5 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and  
6 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

7 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the  
8 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-  
9 resentatives.

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