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c/o Office of Senator John McCain  
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Dear Mrs. McCain:

On behalf of the full membership of the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA), a worldwide non-profit organization that promotes freedom, human rights, democracy and self-determination for the people of Taiwan, I write to you today to express our condolences to you and the McCain family on the recent passing of Senator McCain.

In December 2016, he stated on CNN: "They're an independent nation, Taiwan, and I believe in the One China policy, but they are a democracy, which China is not and I believe that a conversation with the president of a freely elected, democratic Taiwan is more than appropriate."

Stronger words in support of democratic Taiwan have rarely been uttered by any sitting or retired U.S. Senator.

The Senator was highly regarded and admired by Taiwanese Americans and shared a close bond with Taiwan, having supported miscellaneous pieces of legislation in the Senate as concrete actions in support of our country of birth: Taiwan.

The National Defense Authorization Act that bears his name, for instance, includes a section in support of Taiwan that represents the strongest support for Taiwan we have seen in a long time.

Although I have not had the honor to meet your husband in person, he was an inspiring and impressive person to all of us. He helped instill in many of us a sense of justice, independence and freedom.

As someone much wiser than me once said: "Death is not the opposite of life. Death is the opposite of birth. Life is eternal..."

Indeed, your husband will live on a little bit in all of us who had the honor to walk in his shadow.

May these words comfort you during these difficult days.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Kuo, President  
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