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Dear Mr. Munoz:

As the president of the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA), a grassroots organization that promotes freedom, human rights and democracy for the people of Taiwan, I write to you today to express my gratitude and support for United Airlines (UA) and to urge UA to “hold the line” in the face of Chinese bullying of foreign companies.

We are grateful that, in this respect, your team came up with a creative solution that preserves the dignity of the people of Taiwan: one can now select Taiwan on the UA website as a location according to Taiwan’s currency, the New Taiwan Dollar (NTD). This solution provides an excellent model for other airlines to emulate.

It is of course incontestable reality that Taiwan IS a country. Taiwan fulfills all conditions for statehood as laid down in the Montevideo conference of 1933: a territory, a population, a government that exercises effective control and can enter into relations with other countries.

Furthermore, if one plans to travel to China, one cannot apply for a visa to China at the Taiwanese embassy/consulate. If one plans to travel to Taiwan, one cannot apply for a visa to Taiwan at the Chinese embassy/consulate. These are simply two separate countries.

We feel emboldened by the remarks of White House Press Secretary Huckabee Sanders on May 5, 2018 stating that “[Chinese bullying of American carriers] is Orwellian nonsense and part of a growing trend by the Chinese Communist Party to impose its political views on American citizens and private companies.”

China’s bullying of international companies is “Orwellian nonsense” indeed, where a politically closed system deploys its economic weight in the global free market to compel democratic countries to renounce their ideals of free expression and support for other democratic countries.

I again thank you and UA for continuing to present reality and logic in response to China’s irrational and unfounded claims over Taiwan.

Rest assured that we stand by you and your esteemed company, Mr. Munoz. Thank you for your support for Taiwan!

Cordially yours,

MIKE KUO, President
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