

Dear Member of Congress:

Thank you, America! That is what Taiwanese Americans say this April to the American people in general and to their elected officials in particular.

Why? 40 years ago, on April 10, 1979, the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA, Public Law 96-8) was enacted. It codified into law the basis for continued commercial, cultural, and other relations between the U.S. and Taiwan. It has served as an anchor for peace and security in the Indo-Pacific region since.

Today, the United States-Taiwan relationship is the best and closest ever. But while we are celebrating, it is equally important to look ahead to the next 40 years.

The People's Republic of China (PRC) has been actively asserting its One China Principle over any other position on Taiwan's status by waging a global campaign to force governments, international organizations, and private corporations to refer to Taiwan as a part of China.

Successful PRC efforts last year forcing several U.S. companies to adopt the One China Principle pose threats not only to Taiwan's sovereignty but also to U.S. leadership.

Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH) therefore introduced H.Res.248 this March urging the U.S. government to actively challenge the PRC One China Principle. This resolution seeks to further distinguish U.S. policy from that of the PRC government's One China Principle by adopting the following policy:

1. The United States recognizes the objective reality that the Taiwan government legitimately represents a democracy of 23.6 million people;
2. The United States will seek to ensure any resolution of Taiwan is undertaken peacefully and with the active assent of the people of Taiwan;
3. The United States encourages both sides of the Taiwan Strait to carry out constructive dialogue without preconditions;

We hope your staff can contact Mark Erste in Rep. Chabot's office at Mark.Erste@mail.house.gov to co-sponsor this important resolution.

Thank you for your consideration and support for Taiwan!

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