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President Donald Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
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Dear President Trump,

We are loyal United States citizens representing two Taiwanese-American organizations, the North American Taiwanese Medical Association (NATMA) and the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA). On behalf of our thousands of members, we would like to seek your support for Taiwan's full membership in the World Health Organization (WHO).

We really appreciate your Administration's keen awareness of WHO's failures throughout this coronavirus outbreak. Your decision to review and adjust U.S. policy towards the WHO is correct, for the global health body's ignorance of Taiwan's early alert last December 31 and their following cover-up with the Chinese Communist regime. Thousands of American lives could have been saved had the WHO been more effective and responsible.

As part of your plan to review and adjust the policy towards the WHO, we highly suggest Taiwan's full membership of the global health body to be included. Taiwan was not only the first country to alert the WHO of potential human-to-human transmission of the new coronavirus but has also formed a solid partnership with the U.S. to combat COVID-19. Taiwan has donated 2.4 million medical facemasks to the U.S. thus far and will provide 100,000 more per week in the future to demonstrate solidarity with America.

Supporting Taiwan's full membership in the WHO therefore benefits the United States, both for the country's capabilities and their shared values with our country. We therefore strongly urge you to overturn the Clinton Administration's policy of not supporting Taiwan's membership in any organization for which statehood is a requirement. The current policy of only supporting Taiwan's observation status in the WHO, as reflected in the TAIPEI Act you recently signed into law, is a legacy from the 1990's that should be re-examined. As an Administration that constantly seeks to move past Taiwan policy to the right track, this important initiative should not be left behind. We believe that the more Taiwan participates, the more positive changes we could bring to the WHO.

With the same spirit, should the United States establish a parallel global health institution, we encourage you to include Taiwan as a founding member of this new organization.

Thank you for your consideration. We wish you great success fighting against COVID-19.

Sincerely,

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