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President Donald Trump The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As the leaders of three major Taiwanese American organizations, we write to you today to express our appreciation for your recent decision to dispatch Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar to our friend and ally - democratic Taiwan.

Mr. Azar put it very well when he stated on August 4 that "his trip is intended to show President Trump's support for Taiwan, its democratic government and the leadership it displayed in handling the coronavirus outbreak."

In 2018, you, President Trump, signed into law the Taiwan Travel Act, and we strongly believe that this visit is part of America's policy of sending high-level U.S. officials to Taiwan to reaffirm the U.S.-Taiwan friendship, pursue shared interests, and celebrate the shared values that bond the United States and Taiwan to the international family of democracies.

The Act states that Congress finds that: "Since the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, relations between the United States and Taiwan have suffered from a lack of communication due to the self-imposed restrictions that the United States maintains on high-level visits with Taiwan." It concludes that: "The United States Government should encourage visits between the United States and Taiwan at all levels."

We hereby express the hope that -in light of the aforementioned- you will instruct Secretary Azar to invite a delegation of the highest level from Taiwan to visit Washington DC during his trip.

Such a reciprocal visit would illustrate the close friendship between both countries; a relationship that currently is the closest and best ever.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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