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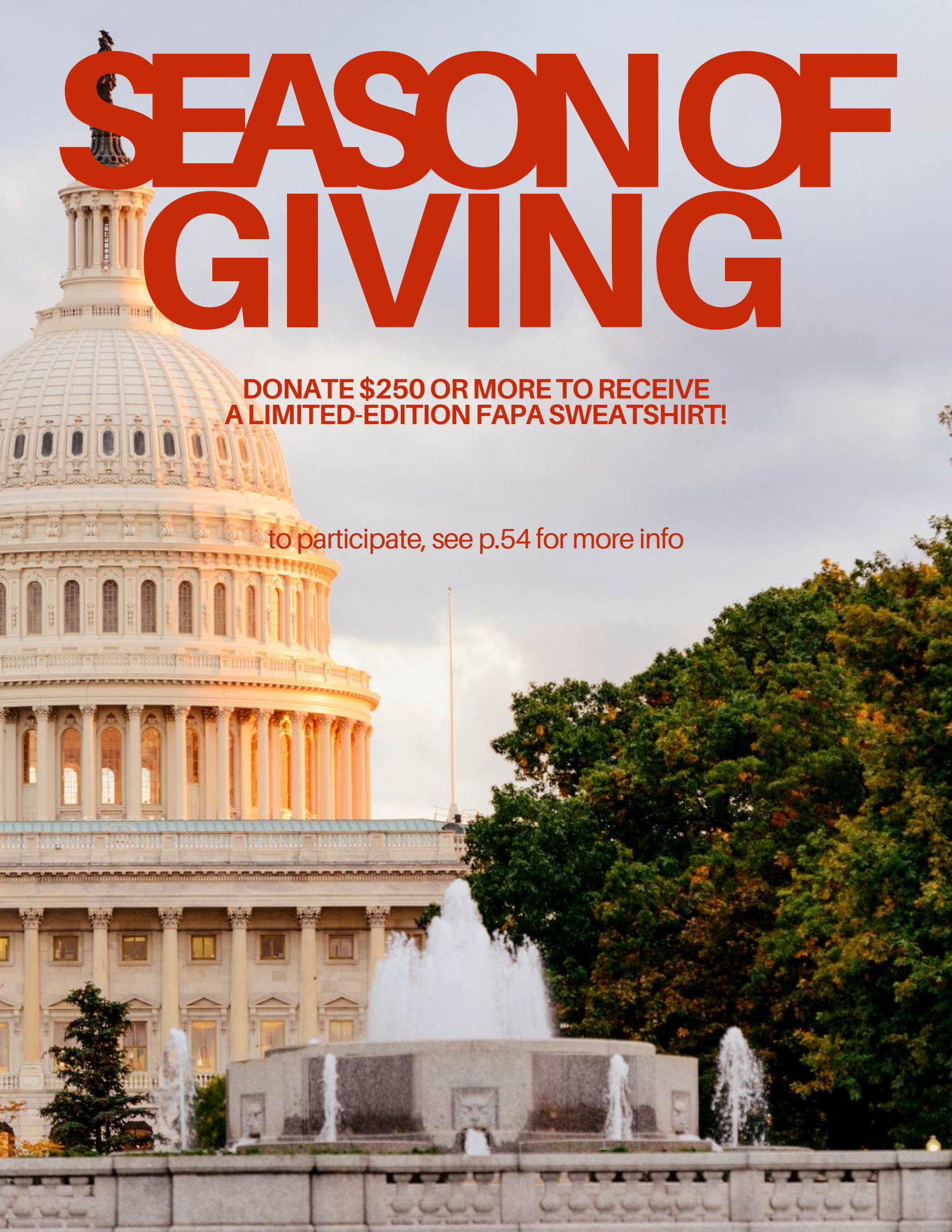
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President's Corner

Dear FAPA members and friends,

Greetings!

The workshop that FAPA Headquarters conducted at the **Taiwanese American Next Generation (TANG)** program in July—during the **Taiwanese American Conference East Coast**—has truly borne fruit. For the second consecutive year, young adults and TANG parents—second-generation and middle-aged Taiwanese Americans—gained first-hand knowledge about advocacy, FAPA's history, and why Taiwan matters. Many expressed genuine interest, and several have since joined FAPA as members. We are passing the torch—steadily but surely—a thought that is always close to my heart.

It was absolutely delightful to see so many “firsts” at the **FAPA National Advocacy Conference (NAC)** this past September. More than one hundred people participated—112 to be exact—from Alaska to Florida, California to Massachusetts, Ohio to Texas, and everywhere in between, all traveling to Washington, D.C. A special shout-out goes to my adopted U.S. home state, North Carolina, for sending a strong team as well.

This year's NAC was especially meaningful, with families—mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters—joining together in a shared purpose: advocating for Taiwan.

Seeing the next generation step forward fills me with hope and gratitude. Every new face reminds me why we do what we do—to carry forward Taiwan's story with pride and purpose. It is not only about preserving our heritage and identity but also about ensuring that Taiwan's voice continues to be heard, understood, and respected around the world.

I am deeply thankful to everyone who made this year's NAC possible—our hardworking HQ team, dedicated chapter leaders, and the many members and donors who contributed financially. Your commitment and teamwork truly embody the FAPA spirit.

On the legislative front, the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee has scheduled a markup hearing on October 22 to review four major pro-Taiwan bills—two of which are part of FAPA's legislative agenda. My sincere appreciation goes to our HQ staff for laying the groundwork behind the scenes, preparing advocacy materials, and thoughtfully engaging our members. Your efforts ensure that FAPA remains an effective, respected, and leading voice for Taiwan on Capitol Hill.

After the recent typhoon in Hualien, Taiwanese people organized themselves with remarkable spirit—becoming all sorts of superheroes, including the now-famous “shovel superheroes.” Their selfless actions showed the world the determination, resilience, and unwavering resolve of the Taiwanese people in safeguarding their communities and defending their way of life.

As Taiwanese Americans, we have no excuse but to do our part—to do our very best—to support them. And what better way to do so than by advocating for cross-strait peace and security, ensuring that Taiwan's people can continue to live freely, safely, and with dignity.



Standing Committee members visited HQ
Front row from left: Richard Wu, Chiao-Yun Hsiao, Su-Mei Kao, Nancy Ho, Rita Ho / **Back row from left:** Chia-Chun Chung, Chieh-Ting Yeh, Tony Lee

As we look ahead, our mission remains clear: to advance Taiwan's security, dignity, and rightful place in the international community through sustained grassroots action and education. With the growing involvement of both our long-time members and the younger generation, I'm confident that FAPA's light will continue to shine even brighter in the years ahead.

Thank you all for your continued dedication and support. Every action you take—whether joining an event, reaching out to your representative, or simply sharing Taiwan's story with a friend—makes a difference. Together, we are building a stronger, more vibrant, and more connected FAPA community, united by our love for Taiwan and our faith in its bright future.

親愛的FAPA會員和朋友們：

大家好！

在今年 7 月的美東台灣人夏令會（TACEC）期間，FAPA 總部於「台美人下一代」（TANG）舉辦的工作坊上，獲得豐碩成果。這是我們連續第二年在此平台與年輕世代及 TANG 家長——第二代及中生代台裔美國人——面對面交流，讓他們親身獲得關於公共倡議、FAPA 歷史，以及「台灣為何重要」的第一手認識。許多人表達了真誠的興趣，其中幾位也已正式加入成為 FAPA 會員。我們正穩健而堅定地傳承火炬——這始終是我心中最深的牽掛。

看到今年 9 月舉行的 FAPA 全國倡議大會（NAC）上締造如此多的「第一次」，令我倍感欣喜。共有超過一百位會員參與——確切地說是 112 位——從阿拉斯加到佛羅里達，從加州到麻州，從俄亥俄到德州，遍及美國各地，齊聚華府共襄盛舉。我也要特別感謝我在美國的「第二故鄉」——北卡羅來納州——派出了一支表現優異的團隊。

今年的 NAC 尤其意義非凡，許多家庭成員攜手參與——母女、父子、夫妻、兄弟姐妹——大家因共同的信念而團結在一起：為台灣發聲。

看到年輕世代挺身而出，我心中充滿希望與感激。每一張新面孔都提醒我，我們為何努力——為了懷抱自豪與使命，持續傳承台灣的故事。這不僅是為了守護我們的文化傳承與自我認同，更是為了確保台灣的聲音能繼續被世界聽見、理解與尊重。

我由衷感謝所有促成今年 NAC 順利舉辦的人——辛勤的總部團隊、敬業的分會領袖，以及眾多慷慨支持與捐助的會員與夥伴。你們的投入與團隊合作，真正展現了 FAPA 的核心精神與力量。

在立法倡議方面，美國參議院外交委員會已安排於 10 月 22 日舉行審查會，討論四項重要的友台法案——其中兩項正是 FAPA 立法倡議的重點。我誠摯感謝總部團隊在幕後奠定的基礎、事前準備的倡議資料，並以周全的方式引導會員參與。你們的努力，確保 FAPA 能持續在國會山莊發揮影響力，成為為台灣發聲、受人尊敬且具領導地位的倡議力量。

在花蓮近日的颱風災後，台灣人民展現出非凡的自發精神，自動組織起來，化身為各式各樣的「超級英雄」，其中最廣為人知的，莫過於「鏟子英雄」。他們無私的行動，向世界展現出台灣人民在守護社區與捍衛生活方式上堅定不移的決心、韌性與意志。

身為台裔美國人，我們理應盡一己之力，全力以赴地支持他們。而最好的方式，莫過於持續倡議台海和平與安全，確保台灣人民能夠自由、安全且有尊嚴地生活。

展望未來，我們的使命依然明確：透過持續的草根行動和倡議教育，提倡台灣的安全、尊嚴，以及其在國際社會中應有的地位。隨著長期會員與年輕世代日益積極投入，我深信 FAPA 的光芒將在未來歲月中愈加閃耀。

誠摯感謝大家長期以來的奉獻與支持。你們的每一項行動——無論是親身參與活動、向國會議員表達訴求，或僅是與朋友分享台灣的故事——都在實際推動改變。讓我們攜手打造一個更堅實、更有活力、也更緊密連結的 FAPA 社群，共同凝聚我們對台灣的熱愛，以及對其光明未來的堅定信念。

懷著感激之情，
With gratitude,



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FAPA 總會會長



National President Su-Mei Kao and National Vice President Chia-Chun Chung attended the 2025 NAC

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U.S. Experts Praise Taiwan's Expanded Han Kuang Drills to Counter China's "Gray Zone" Tactics

On July 1, Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense announced that this year's Han Kuang live-fire drills will run from July 9 to 18 — twice as long as in past years — with an enhanced emphasis on countering China's "gray-zone" tactics, or coercive actions below the threshold of open conflict.

The exercises will begin with simulated Chinese gray-zone harassment and progress through phases such as force deployment, joint anti-landing operations, and protracted combat. They will also feature new systems, including the U.S.-made M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS). The expanded scope and heightened realism of these drills have drawn praise from U.S. defense experts, who see them as a key step in strengthening Taiwan's deterrence and resilience.

Ely Ratner, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, said that the changes "reflect an important ongoing evolution in the strengthening of Taiwan's defenses and resilience." "Taiwan is on the right track to contribute to deterrence," he added, urging continued progress with greater urgency and enhanced resources.

John Dotson, director of the Washington-based Global Taiwan Institute, said that this year's exercises will be much more meaningful as they are "less scripted," allowing for greater "spontaneity and the [kind of] confusion that comes with actual warfare." He added that it will be interesting to see "how the exercise planners balance the traditional invasion scenario with the reported focus on countering gray zone pressure."

U.S. Urges China-Taiwan Dialogue to Resolve Flight Route Disputes

The United States has called on China and Taiwan to engage in dialogue over new flight route disputes in the Taiwan Strait following Beijing's unilateral announcement of the W121 route.

China's move has raised concerns about aviation safety and heightened tensions in one of the world's most sensitive air corridors. The new W121 route, which connects to the M503 airway just west of the Strait's median line, follows China's similar

unilateral openings of the W122 and W123 routes last year.

A U.S. State Department spokesperson reaffirmed that cross-Strait differences should be resolved "by peaceful means, free from coercion," emphasizing that civil aviation and safety issues in the Taiwan Strait must be addressed through dialogue.

Michael Mazza, senior director for research at the Institute for Indo-Pacific Security, said China's unilateral openings of flight routes in the Taiwan Strait are both symbolic and substantive — symbolically asserting sovereignty and isolating Taiwan, while substantively posing security risks by allowing Chinese pilots to familiarize themselves with routes near Taiwan and potentially disguise military aircraft as civilian planes.

Senators Curtis, Rosen Introduce Bill to Counter Chinese Sabotage of Taiwan's Undersea Cables

On July 9, U.S. Senators John Curtis (R-UT) and Jacky Rosen (D-NV), both members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, introduced the bipartisan Taiwan Undersea Cable Resilience Initiative Act (S.2222), urging the U.S. government to help protect Taiwan's undersea communication cables and strengthen their resilience against China's "gray zone" tactics — ambiguous or unconventional actions aimed at gaining strategic advantage without open conflict.

The bill directs the U.S. government to establish an initiative — led by the Department of State in coordination with the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security, as well as the Coast Guard — to counter sabotage efforts targeting Taiwan's undersea cables through real-time monitoring, rapid-response systems, enhanced maritime surveillance, and expanded international cooperation.

In a joint statement, Senators Curtis and Rosen said disrupting undersea cables is a key part of China's military strategy "to cripple Taiwan's communications in a conflict." Since February 2023, at least 11 undersea cable disruptions have been reported around Taiwan, many linked to suspected deliberate interference by Chinese vessels. The senators said their legislation aims to safeguard this critical infrastructure, enhance

monitoring and resilience, and impose sanctions on any adversary that targets Taiwan's vital undersea cables.

Senators Van Hollen, Curtis Introduce Bipartisan Taiwan International Solidarity Act

On July 9, U.S. Senators Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and John Curtis (R-UT) reintroduced the bipartisan Taiwan International Solidarity Act (S.2224) to strengthen Taiwan's participation in international organizations and clarify that United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 does not address Taiwan's international representation or sovereignty.

"Our bipartisan bill uses American leverage to counter Beijing's efforts to silence Taiwan on the world stage and ensure it can play a robust role in shaping international affairs," Senator Van Hollen said in a [press release](#).

"The United Nations must not become a platform for that distortion. It must stand for clarity," Senator Curtis stated. This legislative effort would ensure that "our representatives push back—firmly and consistently—against [China's] false claims and stand up for Taiwan's dignity and right to self-determination," he added.

U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee Advances Annual Defense Bill With Pro-Taiwan Measures

On July 9, the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee approved the \$925 billion [National Defense Authorization Act \(NDAA\) for Fiscal Year 2026](#), which includes several pro-Taiwan provisions aimed at strengthening Taiwan's security and defense capabilities. The measure reflects growing bipartisan concern over China's expanding military threat and underscores the United States' deepening security commitment to Taiwan and the broader Indo-Pacific region.

The FY2026 NDAA "strongly encourages" Taiwan's participation in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) naval exercise and requires the Pentagon to publicly justify any decision to exclude Taiwan — marking a shift from earlier symbolic support to concrete accountability.

The bill authorizes \$1 billion for the Taiwan Security Cooperation Initiative in the next fiscal year — a sharp increase from this year's \$300 million — to enhance Taiwan's defense capabilities, training, and combat casualty care. It also authorizes two joint U.S.-Taiwan projects: one to co-develop and produce uncrewed and counter-uncrewed systems, and another to strengthen Taiwan's digital infrastructure.

U.S. House Approves Amendment Banning Maps That Depict Taiwan as Part of China

On July 17, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the “Honest Maps Amendment” (H.Amdt. 62) to the FY 2026 Department of Defense (DoD) Appropriations Act (H.R.4016), prohibiting the Pentagon from creating, procuring, or displaying any map that depicts Taiwan as part of China.

Introduced by U.S. Representative Tom Tiffany (R-WI) and approved by voice vote, the amendment reaffirms Congress’s support for Taiwan under the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances, while rejecting China’s illegitimate sovereignty claims over Taiwan.

“The people of Taiwan elect their own leaders, deploy their own armed forces, conduct their own foreign policy, and maintain their own trade agreements with other countries,” Rep. Tiffany said, adding, “By every measure, Taiwan is a sovereign, democratic and independent nation — and any claims to the contrary are simply false.”

U.S. House Passes Taiwan Conflict Deterrence Act to Counter Chinese Aggression

On July 21, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Taiwan Conflict Deterrence Act of 2025 (H.R.1716), legislation designed to deter Chinese military aggression against Taiwan by imposing swift and severe economic sanctions on senior members of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) if they initiate a military invasion of Taiwan.

If enacted, the bill would require that — once the President determines that a Chinese threat against Taiwan exists — the U.S. Department of the Treasury report to Congress on the assets held by senior CCP officials, including their total value, sources of those funds, and whether any illicit or corrupt means were involved. The Treasury would then be required to prohibit significant transactions between U.S. financial institutions and those CCP officials and, if appropriate, their immediate family members.

“The Taiwan Conflict Deterrence Act makes it crystal clear to the CCP: invading Taiwan will come with steep and immediate costs,” said Chairwoman Lisa McClain (R-MI), the bill’s sponsor. She added that the legislation “puts teeth behind our commitment to peace through strength in the Indo-Pacific.”

Lai’s U.S. Visit Would Normalize Ties, Reinforce Taiwan Travel Act

Following a *Financial Times* report on July 28 alleging that President Lai Ching-te’s planned transit through New York was blocked by the Trump administration — a claim swiftly denied by both the U.S. and Taiwanese governments — FAPA reaffirmed its longstanding call for high-level U.S.-Taiwan visits as a crucial step toward normalizing bilateral relations.

In response to the report, the U.S. State Department clarified that its policy on stopovers

for Taiwanese leaders, including presidents, remains unchanged. Taiwan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs likewise denied the claim, stating that President Lai currently has no immediate travel plans.

In a July 30 statement, FAPA National President Dr. Su-Mei Kao said high-level U.S.-Taiwan visits are fully consistent with the Taiwan Travel Act, which FAPA championed and was signed into law in 2018. She noted that Congress recently advanced the Taiwan Assurance Implementation Act (H.R.1512) to further remove outdated restrictions on U.S.-Taiwan engagement.

Dr. Kao urged President Donald Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio to meet with President Lai, saying such meetings would demonstrate that “authoritarian China cannot dictate the terms of U.S. engagement with Taiwan” and would help advance the normalization of U.S.-Taiwan relations.

U.S. Senators Propose Bill to Support Taiwan’s Allies in Latin America and Caribbean

On August 1, a bipartisan group of U.S. senators introduced the United States-Taiwan Partnership in the Americas Act (S.2684), aimed at supporting Taiwan’s diplomatic allies in Latin America and the Caribbean. The bill, introduced by Senators Jeff Merkley (D-OR), John Curtis (R-UT), Tim Kaine (D-VA), and Pete Ricketts (R-NE), comes amid rising Chinese military and diplomatic pressure, including efforts to persuade Taiwan’s allies to sever official ties.

“This bipartisan bill pushes back by supporting governments that choose to maintain ties with Taiwan and makes clear that every nation should be free to choose its partners without fear of retribution from Beijing,” Sen. Merkley said. “We stand with our allies, and we will not allow authoritarian pressure to dictate the choices of sovereign nations,” Sen. Curtis added.

The legislation marks a shift toward a more proactive and institutionalized U.S. strategy to defend Taiwan’s international space, particularly in Latin America — a region of enduring strategic interest to the United States. If enacted, it would strengthen Taiwan’s allies through enhanced support, embed Taiwan more deeply in U.S. regional diplomacy, and counter China’s influence through greater transparency and strategic coordination.

U.S. Lawmakers Introduce Bill to Strengthen U.S.-Taiwan Cooperation on Defense Technology

On August 1, a bipartisan group of U.S. lawmakers — led by Representatives Zach Nunn (R-IA) and Jill Tokuda (D-HI) — introduced the “U.S.-Taiwan Defense Innovation Partnership Act” (H.R.4860), a bill aimed at accelerating defense technology collaboration between the United

States and Taiwan in response to the Chinese Communist Party’s (CCP) growing aggression. House Select Committee on the CCP Chairman John Moolenaar (R-MI) and Rep. Ashley Hinson (R-IA) also joined as original cosponsors.

“The defense partnership laid out in this bill will be a critical deterrence tool, accelerating Taiwan’s access to next-generation U.S. technology and giving them the asymmetric edge they need to defend their sovereignty,” said Rep. Nunn. “This legislation would strengthen critical defense industrial collaboration with Taiwan while enhancing our shared readiness against an increasingly threatening Beijing,” Rep. Moolenaar added.

The bill directs both nations’ Defense Innovation Units to jointly develop next-generation dual-use and defense technologies — such as drones, artificial intelligence (AI), microchips, missiles, advanced surveillance systems, and directed energy weapons — while strengthening supply chain resilience and defense industrial collaboration. The measure reinforces America’s “peace through strength” strategy and underscores U.S. commitment to defending freedom and stability in the Indo-Pacific.

U.S. Supports Taiwan’s Pacific Islands Forum Attendance

On August 11, the United States expressed disappointment over the Solomon Islands’ decision to exclude Taiwan and other “dialogue and development partners” from the upcoming Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Leaders Meeting.

A State Department spokesperson reaffirmed U.S. support for “the continued attendance of all PIF partners, including Taiwan,” citing a 1992 agreement among PIF leaders that endorsed such participation.

Taiwan has been a PIF partner since 1993 and has made significant contributions to the bloc, but among the 18 members, only the Marshall Islands, Palau, and Tuvalu still maintain formal diplomatic ties with Taiwan. Reports indicate that the Solomon Islands, which severed diplomatic ties with Taiwan in favor of China in 2019, sought to exclude Taiwan from this year’s meeting under pressure from Beijing.

Taiwanese Troops Join U.S. Military Exercise In Michigan

More than 500 Taiwanese troops participated in this year’s Northern Strike military exercise at Lake Michigan, hosted by the United States, the Pentagon-run news outlet *Stars and*

Stripes reported on August 18. The report noted that “Taiwan has been quietly sending its forces to the exercise since at least 2021.”

This year’s drill, sponsored by the Michigan National Guard, brought together about 7,500 military personnel from the U.S. and allied nations

and simulated a war scenario in the Indo-Pacific region — a departure from its traditional European focus. The change underscored the U.S. military's growing focus on preparing for a potential conflict in Asia, the report added.

U.S. Lawmakers Call for Taiwan's Participation in ICAO Assembly

On August 21, U.S. Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and Gary Peters (D-MI), along with Representatives John Moolenaar (R-MI), chairman of the House Select Committee on China, and Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL), urged the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to invite Taiwan to participate as a guest in its upcoming 42nd Assembly, scheduled for September 23 to October 3.

In a letter to ICAO Secretary-General Juan Carlos Salazar, the four lawmakers also called on the aviation organization to “clarify its opposition” against China's unilateral decision to fully open a third extension of the M503 flight route in the Taiwan Strait.

They said China's unilateral actions violate international aviation norms and contradict ICAO's standards requiring coordination and risk mitigation. The lawmakers emphasized that the issue is especially troubling because Taiwan remains excluded from meaningful participation in ICAO despite its vital role in global aviation, noting that Taiwan is the world's 11th-largest aviation market and a key transit hub in East Asia.

Visiting U.S. Senators Warn of China-Led “Axis of Aggression”

On August 29, visiting U.S. Senators Roger Wicker (R-MS), Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Deb Fischer (R-NE) pledged to strengthen deterrence against what they described as a China-led “axis of aggression.” Speaking at a rare press conference at Taiwan's Presidential Office after meeting President Lai Ching-te, they called for deeper U.S.-Taiwan military and defense industry cooperation. “There is an axis of aggression that threatens the freedom of many people around the world,” Sen. Wicker said, warning that the U.S. and its allies face “the most dangerous security moment since World War II,” and describing China as “the pacing threat.” He cautioned that wars often break out “when we let our guard down” and failed to respond to rising threats.

Sen. Fischer, who also serves on the Armed Services Committee, emphasized that the U.S. and Taiwan must “invest wisely to strengthen deterrence,” adding that “a stronger Taiwan means a stronger United States, and vice versa.” She condemned Beijing's escalating military intimidation and political coercion as “unacceptable.”

President Lai reaffirmed Taiwan's commitment to asymmetric defense, domestic arms

development, and joint U.S.-Taiwan joint R&D cooperation to address the cross-strait military imbalance.

Despite China's defense budget — more than ten times Taiwan's — Lai underscored the Taiwanese people's resolve to defend their nation, vowing, “We will not allow any encroachment on or annexation of our sovereignty.”

Taiwan Aims to Raise Defense Spending to 5% Of GDP by 2030

On August 22, President Lai Ching-te said Taiwan aims to raise defense spending to 5% of GDP before 2030, in line with NATO standards. His remarks came a day after the Cabinet announced a record NT\$949.5 billion (US\$31.18 billion) defense budget proposal for FY2026 — accounting for 3.32% of GDP, the highest share since 2009.

Lai said the increase demonstrates Taiwan's determination to safeguard democracy and work with global partners to uphold stability in the Indo-Pacific amid growing threats from China. He pledged to strengthen weapons R&D and production partnerships, continue procuring advanced systems such as next-generation frigates, and expand Taiwan's domestic defense industry to enhance its overall autonomy in national defense.

Congressman Wittman Urges Prioritizing Taiwan Arms Deliveries by Need

The United States should prioritize arms deliveries to Taiwan based on risk and urgency rather than purchase order, U.S. House Armed Services Committee Vice Chairman Rob Wittman (R-VA) said on September 4. Speaking at a Hudson Institute seminar titled *The Digital Front Line: Building a Cyber-Resilient Taiwan*, Wittman warned that delayed shipments would be meaningless if China acted.

Rep. Wittman argued that the “best chance to deter China” is to ensure Beijing clearly understands the retaliation it would face if it initiated aggression. He emphasized that effective deterrence depends not only on defense but also on maintaining a credible offensive capability. “We do not want conflict,” he said, “but weakness invites conflict, while strength deters it.”

He stressed that timely arms deliveries are essential to deterrence, urging the Pentagon to prioritize and accelerate shipments to Taiwan and to expedite technology transfers that would enable Taiwan to produce consumables and basic equipment domestically.

Wittman also warned that any future conflict in the Taiwan Strait would likely begin in cyberspace, underscoring the need for stronger cyber deterrence. He said U.S.-Taiwan cooperation must prioritize software that enables real-time data integration, enhancing deterrence against China and improving U.S. situational awareness.

U.S. Scholars: PRC Touts “Alternative Global Order” at WWII Parade

China's large-scale military parade in Beijing's Tiananmen Square on September 3 — attended by Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin, and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un — was aimed at promoting an “alternative global order” to challenge U.S. dominance, U.S. scholars said.

Richard Bush, a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and former managing director of the American Institute in Taiwan, said Beijing sought to signal that China “is getting stronger and stronger.” He added that China aims to present itself as “a firm pole of the emerging international system, replacing the U.S.,” while portraying Washington as inconsistent in its priorities.

Bonnie Glaser, managing director of the German Marshall Fund's Indo-Pacific Program, noted that beyond displaying military power, Beijing used the parade to promote its vision for alternative world order and to reinforce its wartime narrative by invoking the Cairo and Potsdam Declarations to justify its claims over Taiwan.

Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, rejecting Xi's remarks crediting the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) with victory over Japan as historically false, emphasized that the People's Republic of China (PRC) did not exist during World War II and has no legitimacy to claim a role in shaping the postwar order or asserting sovereignty over Taiwan.

U.S. House Keeps Taiwan Security Funding in Annual Defense Bill

On September 10, the U.S. House of Representatives passed its version of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (H.R. 3838), which includes measures to bolster Taiwan's defense. Amendments to cut funding for Taiwan and Ukraine were overwhelmingly rejected, with the proposal to eliminate the Taiwan Security Cooperation Initiative defeated 9–422, and the measure to bar Ukraine funding voted down 60–372.

The US\$900 billion bill underscores bipartisan concern over China's growing military threat and reaffirms U.S. security commitments to Taiwan and the broader Indo-Pacific. It allocates US\$1 billion for the Taiwan Security Cooperation Initiative in FY2026 — more than triple the FY2025 level — to enhance Taiwan's military training, equipment, and capacity-building to strengthen deterrence against China's aggression and malign influence.

The bill also requires the Pentagon to report to Congress with recommendations for helping Taiwan counter China's persistent gray-zone coercion. This includes developing new capabilities and operational concepts, aligning efforts with

conventional defense support, and enhancing U.S.-Taiwan consultative mechanisms.

The Senate is set to consider its version of the FY 2026 NDAA, which authorizes approximately US\$32 billion more than the House bill. If passed, the House and Senate will convene a conference committee to reconcile differences before sending a compromise measure to President Donald Trump for signature or veto.

U.S. House Committee Backs Bills to Codify “Six Assurances” and Support Taiwan’s Partners

On September 18, the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee approved the State Department Reauthorization package, which includes two key, pro-Taiwan bills: the Six Assurances to Taiwan Act and the Taiwan Allies Fund Act, both introduced by Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL), Ranking Member of the House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

The Six Assurances to Taiwan Act, added to the package by Rep. Greg Stanton (D-AZ), would codify into law the U.S. commitments first made by President Ronald Reagan in 1982, including no end date for arms sales to Taiwan, no consultation with Beijing on such sales, and no U.S. mediation in cross-strait disputes. “America enjoys a strong and productive partnership with Taiwan...rooted in our mutual commitment to democracy,” Stanton said.

FAPA National President Dr. Su-Mei Kao welcomed the move, calling it “a clear and unmistakable message of deterrence: Taiwan is not up for negotiation.” Following its recent National Advocacy Conference (NAC), FAPA members held over 100 meetings on Capitol Hill during Advocacy Days to advocate for pro-Taiwan legislation, including the Six Assurances to Taiwan Act, to strengthen deterrence amid rising cross-strait tensions.

The Taiwan Allies Fund Act, added to State Department Reauthorization package by Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA), would authorize up to US\$120 million in foreign assistance for FY2026–FY2028 to support Taiwan’s diplomatic and economic partners facing Beijing’s coercion. “By providing real resources to nations that support Taiwan, we are sending a clear message: the United States will defend sovereignty, support democracy, and invest in a free and open Indo-Pacific,” Bera said.

“By advancing these bipartisan provisions, Congress is sending a clear signal: America will stand firm with Taiwan against coercion and intimidation from the Chinese Communist Party,” Rep. Krishnamoorthi said, adding that the two bills “strengthen the foundation of our partnership with Taiwan, combat CCP economic coercion, and reinforce peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific.”

U.S. Reaffirms AIT Stance: WWII Documents Do Not Define Taiwan’s Status

The U.S. State Department confirmed that the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) accurately reflected the U.S. position when it stated that World War II-era documents do not determine Taiwan’s political status.

On September 13, an AIT spokesperson said Beijing “intentionally mischaracterizes” World War II-era documents — including the Cairo Declaration, Potsdam Proclamation, and Treaty of San Francisco — “to try to support its coercive campaign to subjugate Taiwan.” The spokesperson added, “Beijing’s narratives are simply false, and none of these documents determined Taiwan’s ultimate political status.”

On September 15, a State Department spokesperson reaffirmed AIT’s comments on Taiwan’s status, pledging continued U.S. support for Taiwan against China’s military, economic, legal, and diplomatic pressure, and reiterating Washington’s opposition to any unilateral attempt to change the status quo by force.

Former AIT leaders — Chairman Richard Bush and Deputy Director Robert Wang — echoed this stance, emphasizing that Taiwan’s future must be determined peacefully and with the assent of the Taiwanese people, not through outdated wartime documents.

Taiwan and Allies Spotlight Democracy During UNGA Week

As world leaders gathered in New York for the 80th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), Taiwan and its allies warned of rising authoritarian threats and called for Taiwan’s greater international participation.

On September 17, U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee leaders Brian Mast (R-FL) and Gregory Meeks (D-NY), joined by 19 colleagues, sent a letter to International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) President Salvatore Sciacchitano, urging the organization to invite Taiwan to its upcoming Assembly in Montreal.

On September 19, Senate Foreign Relations Committee leaders Jim Risch (R-ID) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) issued a joint statement rejecting Beijing’s distortion of UN Resolution 2758 and pledging continued U.S. support for Taiwan’s meaningful participation in international organizations.

On September 22, Taiwan Foreign Minister Lin Chia-lung made a rare public appearance in New York during UNGA week, attending an event alongside Palauan President Surangel Whipps Jr., former U.S. officials Robert O’Brien and Alexander Gray, and a State Department representative —

underscoring quiet but notable U.S. engagement in Taiwan’s outreach.

On September 24, Taiwan’s allies again used the UN platform to call for its inclusion. Paraguayan President Santiago Pena said Taiwan’s participation is a matter of justice, while Czech President Petr Pavel cautioned that disrupting the cross-strait “status quo” threatens global stability and trade. Marshallese President Hilda Heine strongly rejected China’s distortion of UN Resolution 2758, stressing that it did not determine Taiwan’s sovereignty and warning that Beijing’s politically motivated misinterpretation can never justify coercion or aggression against Taiwan.

FAPA: Excluding Taiwan Weakens UN, Emboldens China

The year 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the United Nations (UN), yet Taiwan’s 23 million people remain unjustly barred from the global body. In a September 24 statement, FAPA National President Dr. Su-Mei Kao warned that Taiwan’s continued exclusion undermines the UN’s credibility and principles of inclusivity.

Dr. Kao noted that the People’s Republic of China (PRC) increasingly manipulates the UN system — installing Chinese officials in key posts, linking UN agencies to the Belt and Road projects, and pressuring the Secretariat to block Taiwan’s participation. Beijing’s distortion of UN Resolution 2758, she said, falsely claims Taiwan as part of the PRC and erodes the UN’s integrity.

Dr. Kao praised growing U.S. congressional support, highlighting pro-Taiwan bills such as the Taiwan Relations Reinforcement Act, which requires reporting on China’s obstruction of Taiwan’s participation in the UN and other international bodies. “Such congressional efforts send a powerful message that Taiwan’s democracy must not be silenced, marginalized, or excluded from the global community,” she said.

Taiwan to Commission First Batch of U.S.-Made Abrams Tanks

On September 24, Taiwan’s Ministry of National Defense announced that the first batch of 38 M1A2T Abrams tanks, procured from the United States, will enter service in October after completing re-equipment training and live-fire exercises. The purchase is part of a 2019 deal for 108 tanks valued at NT\$40.5 billion (US\$1.34 billion).

Originally slated for delivery in 2023, the Abrams program was delayed by production bottlenecks, the COVID-19 pandemic, and Washington’s prioritization of Ukraine. The first 38 tanks arrived in Taiwan in December 2024, followed by a second batch of 42 in July 2025, with the final 28 scheduled for delivery early next year.

The Abrams, among the world's most advanced tanks, will bolster northern Taiwan's defenses and enhance the Army's capability to counter Chinese armored assaults. Their deployment marks a strategic shift from aging Cold War-era platforms to modern U.S. equipment, underscoring Taiwan's growing interoperability with U.S.-made advanced systems and America's continued support for Taiwan's security. ♦



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Summary

From July to September, FAPA issued several high-profile statements calling for stronger U.S.-Taiwan relations and pushing back against Beijing's pressure campaigns in the international community. **In July**, FAPA urged President Donald Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio to meet with President Lai Ching-te, emphasizing that such meetings are consistent with the Taiwan Travel Act and ongoing congressional efforts, such as the Taiwan Assurance Implementation Act. **In September**, on the 80th anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), FAPA condemned the continued exclusion of Taiwan from the UN, highlighted China's misuse of UNGA Resolution 2758, and praised bipartisan U.S. legislation—such as the Taiwan Relations Reinforcement Act—for countering Beijing's mischaracterizations of Resolution 2758, which in fact says nothing about Taiwan's sovereignty or international representation.

FAPA's advocacy has recently gained national and international recognition, reinforcing the impact of our collective efforts. *The Diplomat* spotlighted FAPA's leadership in building congressional support for Taiwan in an article titled "*In an 'America First' Era, Taiwan Gains Ground in Congress*," quoting Executive Director Anny Hsiao on the importance of cultivating long-term relationships with lawmakers. The piece emphasized how our sustained grassroots advocacy—such as ongoing work on the double taxation relief bill—can shape U.S. policy even before legislation is enacted, highlighting FAPA's role as a leading Taiwanese American voice in Washington.

Likewise, the *Taipei Times* featured FAPA in a recent article titled "*Advocacy for Taiwan Overseas*," which underscored our pivotal role in advancing bipartisan legislation in support of Taiwan. The article highlighted key progress on the Six Assurances to Taiwan Act, the Taiwan Allies Fund Act, and the PORCUPINE Act, all of which aim to strengthen Taiwan's security and international standing. Together, these articles reflect the growing visibility of FAPA's work—and the power of our members' continued commitment to shaping U.S.-Taiwan policy.

FAPA also led a series of **community and chapter engagement initiatives** to strengthen our ties with the Taiwanese American community and international partners. We were proud to visit our chapter in Orange County, empower young advocates through the Taiwanese American Next Generation (TANG), engage with Taiwan's future leaders through the Taiwan "Pathfinders" delegation, and share our grassroots experience with friends from Taiwan and Ukraine. Through these efforts, we remain committed to cultivating the next generation of advocates, broadening our network of allies, and continuing to amplify Taiwan's voice.

Lai's Visit Would Advance Normalization of U.S.-Taiwan Ties and Uphold the Taiwan Travel Act



On July 30, FAPA released a statement reaffirming support for high-level U.S.-Taiwan travel following a Financial Times report that President Lai Ching-te's potential transit through the U.S. may have been blocked.

FAPA emphasized that such visits are fully consistent with the Taiwan Travel Act—a legislation that FAPA championed and was signed into law by President Trump in 2018. We also highlighted ongoing congressional efforts, such as the bipartisan Taiwan Assurance Implementation Act, to further normalize U.S.-Taiwan relations.

In the statement, FAPA National President Dr. Su-Mei Kao further urged President Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio to meet with President Lai, stating that high-level engagement would not only reaffirm U.S. support for Taiwan's democracy but also resist authoritarian pressure from Beijing.

FAPA: Excluding Taiwan Weakens UN, Emboldens China



On September 24, FAPA released a statement underscoring that as the UN marks its 80th anniversary, Taiwan's 23 million people remain unfairly excluded.

In the statement, FAPA National President Dr. Su-Mei Kao stated: "Denying Taiwan a seat at the UN undermines the credibility of the entire institution. Taiwan is a vibrant democracy and a responsible member of the international community that has long contributed to global public health, disaster relief, and international development."

A report from the Lowy Institute highlights Beijing's growing malign influence in the UN system, using its economic leverage to advance authoritarian interests and restrict Taiwan's international space. Through coercion and economic pressure, China has pushed the UN to delegitimize Taiwan, bar its citizens from UN premises, and misrepresent Resolution 2758 to falsely claim Taiwan as part of the PRC. Resolution 2758 never addressed Taiwan's sovereignty, yet Beijing continues to exploit it to justify its aggression against the country.

Lastly, Dr. Kao praised bipartisan U.S. efforts—such as the Taiwan Relations Reinforcement Act—which push back against China's distortions and affirm that Taiwan's democracy must not be silenced or excluded from the international community.

NATIONAL

ADVOCACY





CONFERENCE

*Empowering Advocates,
Shaping Policy.*

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A WEEKEND OF LEARNING AND INSPIRATION

The conference opened Saturday with welcoming remarks from **Dr. Su-Mei Kao, FAPA National President**, who set the tone for a weekend focused on advocacy training and our day(s) of action on Capitol Hill. Participants then joined the **FAPA History Walk**, led by **Executive Director Anny Hsiao**, as they retraced decades of Taiwanese American advocacy and FAPA's landmark achievements.

The day also featured distinguished speakers. **Peter Mattis, President of the Jamestown Foundation**, delivered an in-depth analysis of cross-strait security. **Senator Pete Ricketts (R-NE)** delivered a video address, discussing his commitment to strengthening U.S.-Taiwan relations and highlighting Taiwan's strategic importance amid growing challenges from China. Closing the day, **Dr. Raymond Kuo, Director of RAND's Taiwan Policy Initiative**, outlined the stakes for Taiwan in the uncertain Trump 2.0 era and emphasized why congressional advocacy is

more critical than ever.

BUILDING ADVOCACY SKILLS

On Sunday, the agenda focused on hands-on training for attendees. Henry Tsai, FAPA Policy Fellow, delivered an in-depth policy briefing outlining this year's legislative priorities. The briefing was followed by a Congressional Staff Panel featuring **Scott Flipse (Staff Director, Congressional-Executive Commission on China)**, **Tyler Kendall (Legislative Aide, Senator Pete Ricketts, R-NE)**, and **Jason Li (Democratic Professional Staff Member, House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party)**. The panelists shared valuable insights from their experiences working on Taiwan-related issues in Congress, provided practical guidance on engaging with congressional offices, and encouraged FAPA advocates to continue championing for Taiwan on Capitol Hill.

In the afternoon, following the Advocacy 101 session, which offered a practical guide to engaging with Congress, participants took part in congressional meeting demonstrations and dry runs led by Anny Hsiao and Chia-Chun Chung, FAPA National Vice President. For those interested in taking their advocacy to the next level, there was also the Advocacy 201 session, which featured seasoned community leaders: **Albert Chen (WA Chapter Vice President)**, **Ken Wu (Director-at-Large)**, and **Tim Chng (MD Chapter President)**. Each shared their expertise on effective grassroots advocacy at the local level.





Peter Mattis, President of The Jamestown Foundation, delivering his remark about the state of Cross-Strait security situation on Day 1



Dr. Raymond Kuo, Director of RAND's Taiwan Policy Initiative, delivering his keynote presentation at the NAC Banquet

ADVOCACY ON CAPITOL HILL

Monday culminated in a powerful day of action. After weeks of preparation and training, including coordinating their teams and scheduling appointments with congressional offices, the 27 Advocacy Captains led NAC participants in visits to more than 100 offices — including over 25 in the Senate and 75 in the House.

At noon, a congressional reception provided FAPA advocates with an opportunity to network with congressional staff, DC-based policy professionals from organizations such as the Atlantic Council and the Global Taiwan Institute, as well as alumni of FAPA's Emerging Leaders Workshop and Internship programs. Notably, two interns from FAPA's Spring and Summer 2025 cohorts are now serving as Senate interns in the offices of Senators Michael Bennet (D-CO) and Elizabeth Warren (D-MA). Their success is a proud testament to FAPA's role in cultivating the next generation of leaders in U.S.-Taiwan policy.

Advocates also met directly with several Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle, including Senators Ted Cruz (R-TX), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Dan Sullivan (R-AK), John Curtis (R-UT), Alex Padilla (D-CA), and

Adam Schiff (D-CA), as well as Representatives Young Kim (R-CA) and Pete Sessions (R-TX). These high-level meetings reflect how FAPA's longstanding commitment to grassroots advocacy is now bearing fruit — milestones made possible only through years of dedication, persistence, and hard work by our nationwide network of advocates.

IMMEDIATE POLICY IMPACT

NAC's impact was felt immediately. Two of FAPA's legislative priorities — the **Taiwan Allies Fund Act (a top House priority from last year)** and the **Six Assurances to Taiwan Act** — **passed the House Foreign Affairs Committee on September 17** as part of the State Department Reauthorization package.

The office of Rep. John Olszewski (D-MD), a member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia, even thanked members from our DMV team for their efforts in highlighting the Six Assurances to Taiwan Act. They noted they were unaware it had been scheduled for markup and said they would be sure to bring it up to the Congressman himself, showcasing how grassroots advocacy can directly influence legislative outcomes.

LOOKING AHEAD

The success of the 2025 NAC reflects the passion, preparation, and persistence of FAPA's nationwide grassroots network. With more than half of the participants being first-timers, the conference reaffirmed FAPA's commitment to empowering the next generation of Taiwanese American advocates. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our members and supporters, and we look forward to carrying forward more than 40 years of advocacy to ensure Taiwan's voice continues to be heard in Washington.

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MEDIA COVERAGE

The 2025 NAC drew media attention in both the U.S. and Taiwan, with coverage from CNA, Taipei Times, and Taiwan News. This visibility highlighted the growing presence of the Taiwanese American community and reinforced FAPA's role as a leading voice for U.S.-Taiwan relations in Washington, D.C.



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US advocacy group holds annual
conference promoting pro-Taiwan
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FAPA lobbies for Taiwan
in Washington

112 PARTICIPANTS

Team TX-S at the office of Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX).
From Left: Staff Member, Andy Pan, Barry Li, Jimmy Lee, Pete Sessions



Team NJ at the office of Rep. Van Drew (R-NJ)

27 ADVOCACY CAPTAINS TRAINED



Policy Fellow Henry Tsai with Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)



Executive Director Anny Hsiao (left) and Policy Fellow Henry Tsai (right) with Senator John Curtis (R-UT)

50% FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

Team TX-South at the office of Rep. August Pfluger (R-TX)



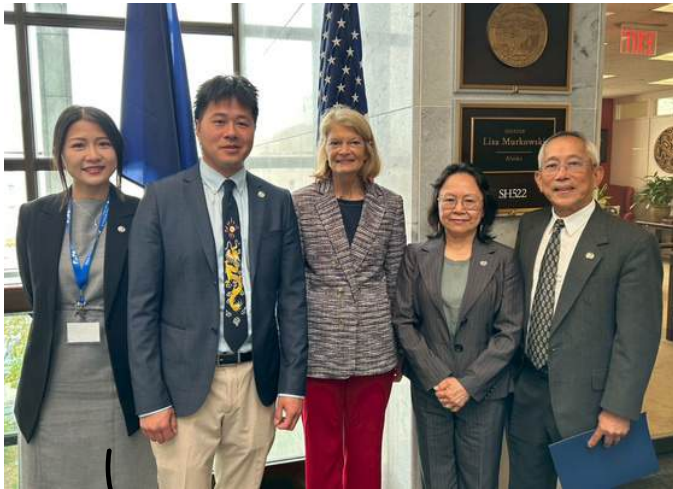
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Team FL and HQ visiting the office of Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL)

Team CA-South visiting the office of Rep. Young Kim (R-CA) (right 2)



FAPA HQ visiting Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) with AK constituent Jeff Chen
From Left: Anny Hsiao, Jeff Chen, Sen. Murkowski, Su-Mei Kao, Mark Kao

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STATES & DC



FAPA HQ and Team DMV visiting Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK) (right 4)



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CONGRESSIONAL
OFFICES
VISITED

NAC BANQUET



Team NC attending the banquet

For the first time, we learned FAPA history through a Gallery Walk

FAPA HISTORY GALLERY WALK



ON-STAGE DRY RUN



From top: Teams OH, IL, and MA successfully completing their Congressional meeting dry-run on stage!





NAC participants discussing on their reflections and thoughts after the FAPA History Gallery Walk



2025 NAC team captains group photo. Thank you all for your service!



TEAM CAPTAINS



Team TX-South reviewing FAPA's legislative priorities during the breakout session



PLANNING & PRACTICE



Team TX-North had an engaging discussion during planning time



Judy Tân (second from the right) with Ya-Chiao Li, Sylvia Lin, and Benjamin Lu

FAPA 設立有40佻冬--ah, kah我年歲差不多。

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tiòh--ê道理：毋管有法度改變啥物代誌--無，若是是真正想beh，就ài用心去拍拚。若是悲劇猶是發生--ah，至少我會當對家己講，我已經出力--過--ah。

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比論講這Taipei Economic and

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無佻意輸ê人看tiòh進度遐爾慢，番仔火就想beh反出來點--ah。毋過講實在話，台獨運動幾十冬，自頭就是一直teh輸，teh等，kám講無贏ê感覺就buǎi去做？這問題應該較是講：咱ài按怎處理家己ê感覺才著。

我是感覺這較親像中世紀起造教堂，in用幾百年（我是向望台獨毋免hiah久--lah）才會當完成一座教堂，毋管是設計抑是做工--ê lóng看bē tiòh教堂完成彼日，mā毋知到底是會完成--無，毋過in猶是beh去做，是為tiòh啥貨？In teh敲石頭，搬磚仔ê時陣，心肝內一定是有彼大教堂完成ê形影。

倚算家己逐日會當做--ê實在真少真少，mā看袂出教堂到底有加較懸--無，in猶是堅心相信in-ê奉獻是會當沓沓仔累積--khí-lài, 有一日，會成做in心目中彼美麗ê大教堂。

咱做這工課mā全款，就ài理解家己做ê逐項雖然定定看--khí-lài無啥物路用，毋過實際上，咱逐ê人逐擺去kah人講話，傳達理念，lóng是大工程ê一部份，lóng是teh為咱ê目標teh鬥揀。若無理解這工程全部ê面模仔，確實真簡單就會失去耐性。

除了耐心，咱kohài有信心。這mā是去會想beh去NACê原因。除了想beh去國會，mā是去kah家己想法較接近ê人做伙。聽別人真有信心講出「I believe in Taiwan's self determination」，確定家己毋是病--ê，就真有價值--ah。今年êNAC是我參加--過上蓋四序--ê, tuāĩ國會邊仔行路就到，中晝koh有ĩ國會辦公室大樓內底開一間會議室，hōo逐家去食點心啣茶，實在感覺tsiok高級。感謝總部用心安排，這實在是真貼心！

總講一句，今年是物質kah精神lóng有爽--tiòh, 明年若是會用得，我會koh去國會一工行萬步（我誠實看tiòh有人tsah滑板車！）

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Team DMV before setting out for their Congressional advocacy meetings

Written by Meng-Hsuan Yu, member of MD Chapter

Twelve years after unexpectedly reconnecting with an alumna from my high school in the United States, I was encouraged to participate in the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) National Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C. This three-day event offered an intensive introduction to FAPA's history of advocacy since its founding in 1960, the skills needed to present Taiwan-related legislation to congressional offices, and the opportunity to personally petition members of Congress on why Taiwan's security matters to the United States.

The program began with a historical overview of FAPA's mission and achievements. Established during a period of heightened uncertainty about Taiwan's international standing, the organization has for decades mobilized Taiwanese Americans to promote democracy, human rights, and Taiwan's visibility on the global stage. Hearing the stories of long-time advocates underscored how sustained and coordinated action by a dedicated community has shaped U.S. policy discussions about Taiwan.

Training sessions then turned to practical advocacy skills. Participants were guided through key legislation currently under consideration, ranging from bills supporting Taiwan's security cooperation to measures

enhancing its international participation and mutual cultural exchange with the two nations. Beyond the legislative details, we learned how to frame arguments effectively for U.S. policymakers: how to present Taiwan's significance concisely, align it with American national interests, and respectfully but firmly request support. The sessions emphasized that advocacy is not simply about passion but about translating conviction into persuasive, policy-relevant language.

The highlight of the conference was the opportunity to visit congressional offices and meet with legislative staff. These meetings were both challenging and empowering. We had only brief moments to

communicate Taiwan's importance, yet the very act of being heard within the halls of Congress was meaningful. I came to appreciate that advocacy is less about a single conversation and more about building long-term relationships that ensure Taiwan remains visible in U.S. foreign policy. Equally powerful was the sense of solidarity I witnessed among participants. Taiwanese Americans, students, and professionals—many balancing demanding jobs and family responsibilities—came together to dedicate their energy to supporting Taiwan. Their commitment reminded me that advocacy is not limited to experts or political insiders; it is a collective effort sustained by the willingness of ordinary individuals to stand up for shared values.



Team DMV rehearsed before their Congressional meetings



Team DMV in front of the office of Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD).
From Left: Chin-Nu Lin, Tim Chng, Meng-Hsuan Yu, Trillium Chang

Reflecting on this experience, I see how advocacy blends history, strategy, and community. FAPA's decades of persistence demonstrate that change requires patience and continuity. The training underscored the importance of preparation, while the congressional visits illustrated the challenges and possibilities of political engagement.

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Knowing that so many people, regardless of their age, gender, and profession, in the United States continue to support Taiwan in different ways is both reassuring and inspiring. It is a reminder that while Taiwan faces immense challenges and threats, it does not stand alone. As I left DC, I carried with me not only new advocacy experience, but also a renewed determination to contribute, however modestly, to this ongoing effort. Lastly, I want to echo the words of DMV captain Tim Chng: Never give up! Let us continue to stand tall and united—proud, resilient, and unmistakably Taiwanese.

Written by Vicky Zhaung, Member of TX-S Chapter

I would like to share three stories from my NAC experience, followed by some reflections. The first story is about preparing for advocacy, the second is about my teammates, and the third is about what happened when we met with legislative staff. I will end with my reflections on what I learned.

PREPARING FOR ADVOCACY

At first, I was surprised when FAPA Executive Director Anny began with an introduction in English. Even though I have been speaking English since coming to the U.S. for graduate studies, I still sometimes feel nervous when I speak. But very quickly, I was encouraged. I learned a lot from the history gallery at the beginning of the program.

I was deeply touched, seeing how many

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pioneers have worked tirelessly to speak up for Taiwan and how some even made sacrifices for this cause. Living in the U.S., Taiwan's safety can sometimes feel far away, but in reality, it is always close, and there are so many people here who truly care about it. This inspired me to want to protect and speak up for Taiwan as well.

The speakers also left a strong impression on me. I especially remember the talk about the safety of the Taiwan Strait. One point stood out: while others can support Taiwan, ultimately only Taiwan itself can defend its people.

Henry also helped us understand the details of many bills, and the panel discussions with government officials gave me confidence. By the end, I felt prepared and even confident to speak directly to congressional staff. One piece of advice that really stayed with me was: use your own stories and experiences to convince the government. That reminder made me realize that my advocacy truly matters.

THE POWER OF MY TEAMMATES

Next, I want to thank my teammates, especially my captain 肉包 and co-captain Sean, as well as everyone from the Texas

South Chapter. I am especially grateful to 肉包 for being so kind and supportive. You made our team more united and brought so much happiness to us. When we were nervous about advocacy, you always reminded us, "Just do your best. There's nothing to worry about." Because of that, I was able to stay calm and confident. From you, I also learned how to make friends more easily and how to build stronger connections with others. Your leadership and personality made this NAC trip unforgettable. I also want to thank Sean and the other teammates for giving me constructive feedback while I was preparing. Without your help, I would not have been able to speak to the assistants so fluently and confidently. You really are the best team I've ever had!

SPEAKING WITH LEGISLATIVE STAFF

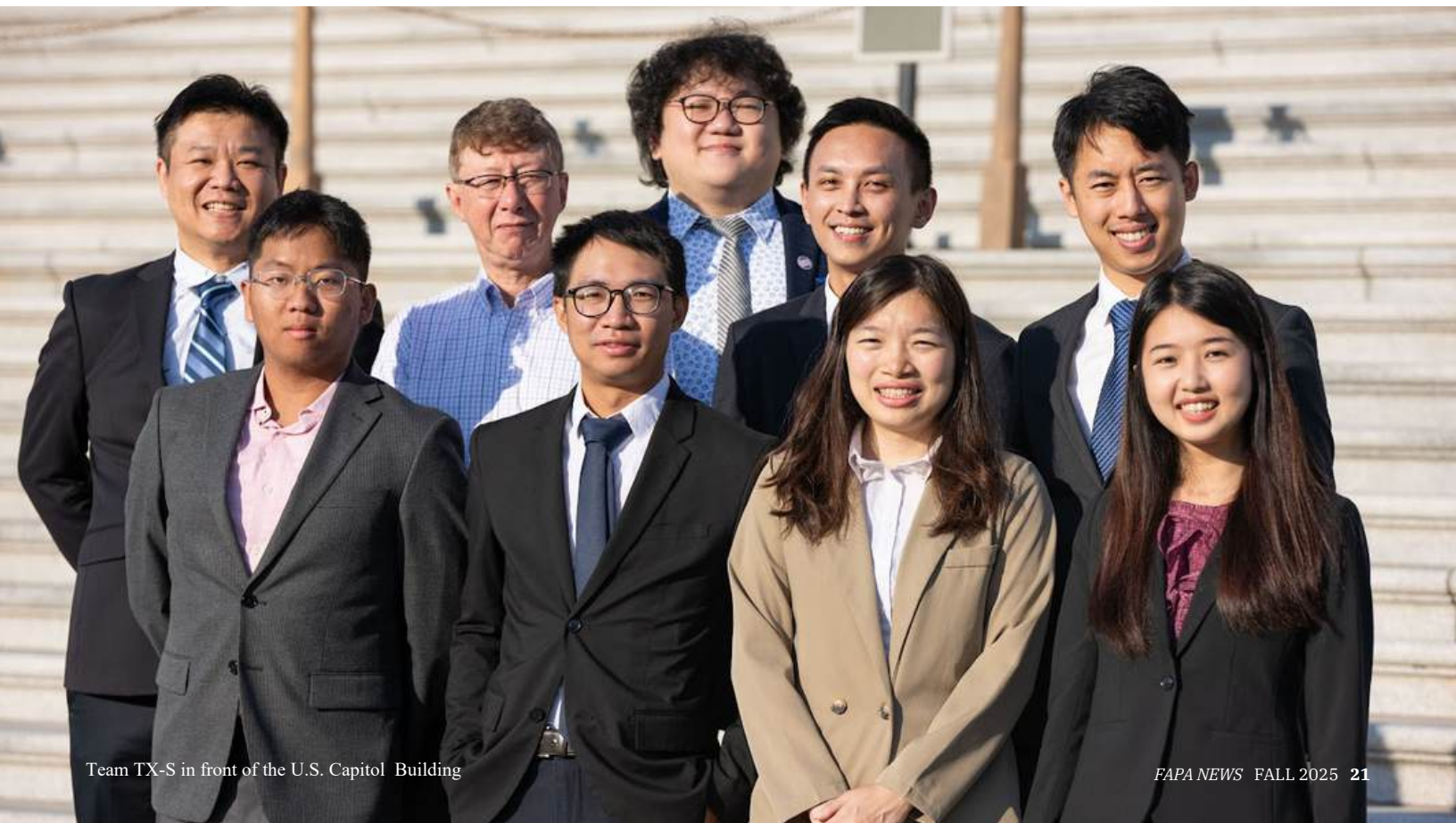
My advocacy focused on the Six Assurances Bill. When I spoke with congressional assistants, I explained the bill in plain, simple language; for example, that the U.S. will not pressure Taiwan to negotiate with China, and will not consult China before selling arms to Taiwan. I also shared my own experiences and connected them to Indo-Pacific security.

To my surprise, most of the assistants agreed with me and showed strong support. I was so moved at that moment.

REFLECTIONS

My biggest reflection is this: even though I was just one Taiwanese student speaking up for Taiwan, I felt powerful. Some might say one person's power is small, but I believe that when many small voices join together, they can create great change. Another important takeaway for me is the value of having good friends and teammates. With their support, our advocacy became stronger and more memorable. I am deeply grateful for this team. This NAC experience has motivated me to keep speaking up for Taiwan. Next year, I hope to come back again to raise my voice, to share my story, and to continue standing for Taiwan.

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Written by Eugene Lin, Member of TX-S Chapter

My name is Eugene Lin, and it was a great honor to participate in the 2025 NAC and advocate for Taiwan. This was also my first time knocking on doors in the U.S. Capitol to speak up for Taiwan since coming to the United States. None of this would have been possible without the generous support of the FAPA Texas South (TX-S) Chapter and FAPA Headquarters.

To prepare for our advocacy, the NAC briefed us on each bill's background. Some bills had been reintroduced after previous sessions, while others had passed committee and awaited a Senate vote. The TX-S Chapter focused on bills strengthening Taiwan's security and U.S.-Taiwan relations. The **NATO Plus Designation for Taiwan Act (H.R.3563)** and the **Six Assurances to Taiwan Act (H.R.3452)** aim to enhance Taiwan's defense and reaffirm that U.S.-Taiwan relations will not be influenced by U.S.-China negotiations. Two other bills focus on deepening bilateral ties. The **Taiwan Representative Office Act (S.974 & H.R.3180)** proposes renaming TECRO to reflect Taiwan's identity more clearly, while the **Taiwan Partnership Act (S.733 & H.R.2370)** promotes economic cooperation, tourism, and cultural exchange between the U.S. and Taiwan.



Among these bills, I was primarily responsible for advocating the NATO Plus Designation for Taiwan Act. I began by emphasizing how the act benefits the United States. First, streamlining arms sales and ensuring faster delivery would strengthen the U.S. defense industry. With Taiwan's annual military budget of around \$30 billion, the act could encourage increased defense spending and create higher-volume transactions benefiting U.S. manufacturers. Second, the NATO Plus Act would help the U.S. maintain its leadership in ensuring stability in the Indo-Pacific region. As Taiwan sits along the first island chain, passing this bill would reaffirm America's enduring strategic influence in the area.

I then explained the potential consequences if the bill were not passed. First, semiconductor chips are vital to the U.S. AI industry, and Taiwan holds the world's most advanced chip fabrication capabilities. The advantage has been built through decades of industrial clustering that cannot be easily replaced. However, China's increasing military aggression could disrupt Taiwan's supply chain, severely impacting the U.S. technology sector. Second, if China were to take control of Taiwan, it would gain dominance over global chip production and could use these semiconductors to advance its military technology—such as missiles, drones, and autonomous weapons, posing a serious threat to U.S. national security.



TX-S Team visited the office of Rep. Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX-07)

Moreover, a Chinese-controlled Taiwan would allow Beijing to project military power deeper into the Pacific, limiting U.S. naval access to East Asia and destabilizing the region by threatening U.S. allies and interests. These risks are especially concerning given China's stated goal of achieving unification with Taiwan by 2027.

I learned several strategies from the advocacy. The semiconductor industry serves as a shield for Taiwan and is also vital to U.S. national interests. Protecting Taiwan is, in essence, strengthening the foundation of America's AI development. Some representatives, who are in the Innovative and Technology Caucus, are able to recognize the situation easily and value it particularly. They may be more inclined co-sponsor the bill. Moreover, as advocates, we often understand the situation more deeply than some legislative assistants, and it is important to share these insights with them. For example, the year 2027 marks the centennial of the People's Liberation Army and is widely viewed as the most likely timeline for a potential invasion of Taiwan. Some legislative assistant might not have know this. Highlighting this context helps underscore the urgency of Taiwan's security as a key U.S. national security concern. However, enabling Taiwan to join NATO Plus is not easy. Some legislative assistants expressed concerns about how China might respond if the bill passes. Nevertheless, once

Taiwan's situation is framed as a matter of U.S. national security, those concerns about China's reaction tend to carry less weight.

Participating in the 2025 NAC was an eye-opening experience that deepened my understanding of policy advocacy and strengthened my commitment to speaking up for Taiwan. It was inspiring to see how collective effort and informed discussion can influence policy at the national level. Even though I was new to this field, I was still able to pick up the skills quickly and advocate for policies clearly and calmly, thanks to the comprehensive training provided by the NAC. I am truly grateful to TX-S captains, Berry and Sean, and FAPA Headquarters for their support and for giving me the opportunity to contribute to Taiwan's voice in the U.S.

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*Written by Stacy Tang,
Member of CA-N Chapter*

FAPA是台灣人在美國推動對台相關法案的核心組織。從護照出生處能標註「台灣」，到近期眾院通過的「台灣保證落實法案」(Taiwan Assurance Implementation Act)，再到目前推動中的國防、稅制與台灣地位等議題，背後都是FAPA四十多年來持續不懈的努力。

一個月前，小組長便帶著大家預約選區議員。直到星期一清晨，上百位志工浩浩蕩蕩踏上國會山莊，那一刻令人動容。多年來，我始終關注台美議題；就在幾天前，我們還在準備活動的同時，AIT與國務院正針對二戰後台灣地位發聲，幫助台灣對抗中國在國際上的法律戰。而如今，能親身走進另一個對台灣同樣關鍵的政府核心——國會，意義格外深遠。

在年會裡，我遇見了許多對台灣充滿熱情的台美人與年輕的 rising stars。台灣要走自己的路不容易，但大家就是一棒接一棒地努力。另外讓我感動的，其中一位一起來倡議的成員是香港人、美國第七艦隊海軍。他提到若中國攻打台灣，他會第一時間去保護台灣，去對付那個把他家園弄爛的政權。我內心好感動：真的很謝謝這些一起跟我們站在一起還願意去打仗的人。還有一些非台灣人，也因某種連結願意投入時間精力。我們自己能不努力嗎？



Stacy Tang (CA-N) asking a question during a Q&A session



Team CA-North in front of the Capitol Building

過去透過新聞和社群媒體上了解 FAPA，這次的集訓和實地走訪讓我第一手看到FAPA團隊的專業與深度：倡議不是單幾次的行動，而是長期、縝密的研究與耕耘。從每場活動設計到每份one-pager 法案文字，都經過精心推敲，讓一群原本互不熟悉、毫無倡議經驗的志工，在短時間內成為一支有戰力的團隊。

台灣要當台灣一直是很辛苦的事，謝謝FAPA HQ和資深的FAPA人，還有每一位參與的志工，大家一起打團體戰。只要大家繼續一起努力，台灣一定能走出自己的路。

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FAPA ED Anny Hsiao with OR Chapter Sylvia Lin and Ya-Chiao Li



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Written by 李亞喬, Member of OR-SWWA Chapter

雖然幾年前就聽朋友說過NAC國會參訪的活動，但是西岸飛東岸實在太遠了，於是拖到了博班最後一年，我才終於下定決心在進入最崩潰的一年之前，親身體驗看看究竟要如何代表台灣社群向美國國會參眾議員陳情。雖然以前在台灣從來沒有參加過NGO，但是這幾年開始慢慢感覺到自己也許可以、也應該多少承擔一些社會責任，在自己能力許可的範圍內，做一些不僅僅只是對自己有利的事情。

在出發之前，我們要先聯絡自己州的參眾議員（的staff👩🏻）跟他們約時間提出訴求。然後大會期間，針對該議會會期跟台灣相關的法案進行探討，舉例來說，有一項希望減輕或修正台美double tax 的法案，說得是台灣企業例如台積電到美國設廠，其實需要同時繳交台灣跟美國兩邊的稅收，但是作為美國前十大貿易國，目前只有台灣依舊要向兩邊交稅等等。其他關於台灣主權或要求美國提供軍事保障等等的議題就不用說了...然後成員依照各州劃分，作為該區選民向自己州的參眾議員表達訴求，希望他/她投票表決時，能支持修正該法案的訴求。

親身體驗過才更深刻感覺台灣有一群人一直在自己的位置上，自發性地出錢出力、默默協助跟幫忙，我的同溫層很厚，但是一旦跨越出同溫層的社群媒體平台，又覺得現在台灣社會越發分立極端的樣子有點哀傷，但是這個活動又讓我感覺也許還是不用那麼悲觀的，親自來一趟才深刻知道從來沒有什麼東西是理所當然得到的，都是有很多人在你不知道的角落默默努力、幫大家爭取出來的，只不過從前理所當然搭便車罷了。這篇Po文只是希望大家不要灰心，在這個世界角落，還有很多帶著理想的人持續在為台灣的未來和自己理念而努力！

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Surprise celebration for the September birthdays!



From Left: NAC participants Jeremy Kavalan, Justin Kavalan, FAPA Executive Director Anny Hsiao, NAC Keynote Speaker Raymond Kuo

For the first time, FAPA hosted a Congressional Reception as part of the National Advocacy Conference, held inside the Rayburn House Office Building—the largest office building of the U.S. House of Representatives. **The reception brought together more than 25 congressional staffers, policy experts, and members of the FAPA Alumni Network, including former interns and Emerging Leaders,** to engage directly with our grassroots advocates. Over the course of the reception, we had around 60-70 people present at all times.

Notably, we connected with congressional staff from states where our teams did not have any scheduled meetings—Colorado, Tennessee, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota—expanding the geographic reach and impact of our advocacy beyond the day's formal appointments. This reception not only broadened our congressional engagement, but also showcased FAPA's growing ability to convene policymakers, thought leaders, and the next generation of advocates in a single room on Capitol Hill.

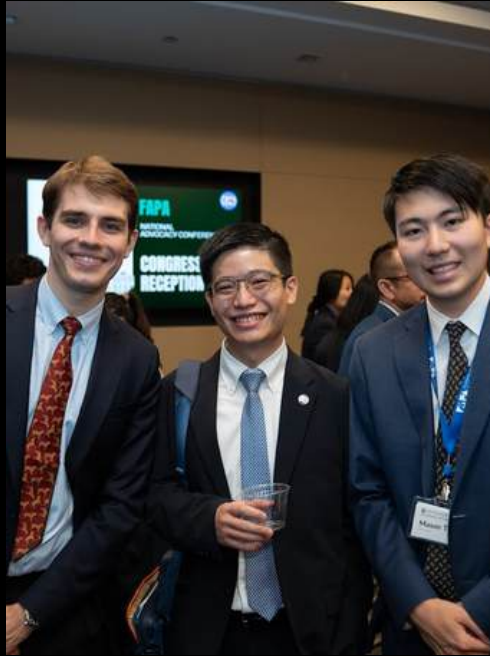


Captains of CA-North with Congressional-Executive Commission on China (CECC) Deputy Staff Director, Pierro Tozzi, at the Congressional Reception

CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION



2025 ELW alumni David Dichoso and Jim Halsell reunited with Vice President Chia-Chun Chung



2025 Spring/Summer intern Peyton Austin met 2025 Fall intern Mason Tsai and Policy Fellow Henry Tsai



House Select Committee on CCP Professional Staff Member Jason Li with NAC Participants Vickie Wang and Andy Pan



Team DMV Member Mengchun Chiang (Left 2) at the Congressional Reception with D.C.-based policy professionals



Team CA-South with FAPA ED Anny Hsiao

Spotlight: FAPA in the Taipei Times

On October 1, FAPA Maryland member **Rath Wang** published an article in the **Taipei Times** titled “**Advocacy for Taiwan Overseas**.” The piece, which also appeared in the print edition, spotlights FAPA’s critical role in advancing the U.S.–Taiwan relationship in Washington. It highlights how FAPA has been working closely with Congress to codify long-term, bipartisan support for Taiwan into U.S. law—particularly through the Six Assurances. The article also noted recent legislative progress, including the advancement of the Six Assurances to Taiwan Act, the Taiwan Allies Fund Act, and the PORCUPINE Act, all of which aim to streamline arms sales, strengthen Taiwan’s sovereignty, and counter growing threats from China.

The article features quotes from Executive Director Anny Hsiao, National President Su-Mei Kao, and Maryland Chapter President Tim Chng.

The following is a notable excerpt.



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Advocacy for Taiwan Overseas

By Rath Wang 王健智

FAPA president Kao Su-mei (林素梅) said that support for Taiwan has always been rooted in a decades-long grassroots movement, mobilizing communities across generations and regions around a shared commitment to freedom, democracy and human rights.

She said the organization has gained new momentum by opening its doors to all who share the goal of defending Taiwan and its democracy.

That momentum is visible at the chapter level. Tim Chng (莊騰程), president of FAPA’s Maryland chapter, said membership has expanded among younger generations with diverse political views. He said that Xi’s increasing military aggression and coercive actions — including Chinese drilling in Taiwan’s exclusive economic zone — have drawn in new members, even from families that have traditionally supported the China-friendly Chinese Nationalist Party (KMT).

To raise awareness in US political circles, Taiwanese-American advocates have also become more creative. This year, FAPA’s long-running Emerging Leaders Workshop, traditionally held in Washington, was hosted in Taipei for the first time.

Executive director Anny Hsiao (蕭喬勻) said the shift was designed to enable the next generation of policy professionals to engage directly with Taiwan, meeting its people, experiencing its democracy and gaining firsthand insight into the security challenges it faces.

Hsiao said that once the participants return to Washington, they would be better equipped to shape policies that safeguard Taiwan’s long-term future and strengthen US strategy and deterrence in the Indo-Pacific region.

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Spotlight: FAPA in The Diplomat

On September 23, data journalist and recent Columbia Journalism School graduate Ashley (Yi Hui) Lee published an article in The Diplomat titled In an 'America First' Era, Taiwan Gains Ground in Congress. The piece appeared on the front page and quoted FAPA Executive Director Anny Hsiao.

Through an analysis of 20 years of congressional speeches, the article demonstrates that support for Taiwan has increasingly become a central pillar of U.S. competition with China.

Beside is a notable excerpt.



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The Faces Behind Congressional Support for Taiwan

Among the most consistent voices supporting Taiwan is FAPA – the leading Taiwan advocacy group on Capitol Hill.

“Our model of change is to make sure that we continue to build relationships with members of Congress,” said Hsiao. “To cultivate that support not just for them to say they’re supportive but also take action and propose legislation that will enhance and bring closer U.S.-Taiwan relations.”

FAPA envisions a future in which Taiwan achieves full international recognition of its sovereignty. In the meantime, the organization is focused on normalizing relations through military and economic cooperation, legislation, and people-to-people exchanges.

Even when legislation doesn’t pass, congressional action can still have an impact.

Hsiao pointed to the recent double taxation relief bill that aims to ease tax burdens on Taiwanese individuals and companies earning income in the U.S. Though it has yet to pass, she said, the momentum it gained – earning co-sponsors and clearing one chamber – helped push the executive branch to act in the 118th Congress.

In October 2024, the U.S. Treasury announced it had opened talks with Taiwan on the issue and acknowledged the problem of double taxation in a public statement.

“There are other reasons why the U.S. might act,” Hsiao said, “but there is a whole body of hundreds of lawmakers putting pressure on the executive branch.”

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Empowering the Next Generation with TANG

This year, FAPA partnered with the Taiwanese American Next Generation (TANG) to host an advocacy workshop aimed at introducing the TANG community to grassroots advocacy. TANG is a vibrant community that supports multiple generations of Taiwanese Americans through four core themes: Identity, Community, Growth, and Family. This year was no exception. The summer camp took place at West Chester University in Pennsylvania, alongside the Taiwanese American Conference – East Coast (TAC-EC).

The workshop brought together approximately 100 TANG young adults and parents. FAPA Executive Director Anny Hsiao served as the main speaker, joined by several facilitators, including National Vice President Chia-Chun Chung, Maryland Chapter President and a long-time TANG community member Tim Chng, Policy Fellow Henry Tsai, and Communications & Programming Coordinator Vanessa Chen.

Participants engaged in thoughtful conversations about what it means to be Taiwanese American. Discussions touched on common challenges such as feeling “unseen” or “invisible,” navigating complex identities, and confronting the political pressures tied to Taiwan’s history with China. These conversations laid the groundwork for exploring the importance of grassroots advocacy and speaking out on issues that matter to the community.

This workshop is part of FAPA’s ongoing commitment to cultivating the next generation of Taiwanese American advocates. Notably, several second- and even third-generation participants expressed interest in becoming more involved in FAPA’s work. The event was a great success, and FAPA looks forward to continuing to build meaningful connections with young Taiwanese Americans across the country.

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Executive Director Anny Hsiao joining the group discussion with TANG members Megan Kao and Lucy Law

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National President Su-Mei Kao with Participants



Policy Fellow Henry Tsai facilitating the group conversation



Meeting the Taiwan Pathfinders at DC's Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library

Welcoming Taiwan's Future Leaders – Taiwan Pathfinders

FAPA had the honor of presenting to the “Taiwan Pathfinders” delegation—an impressive group of high school students from across Taiwan. Sponsored by Taiwan's Ministry of Education, the Taiwan Pathfinders program brings together students with diverse academic interests, each committed to making an impact in their respective fields.

FAPA Executive Director Anny Hsiao and Policy Fellow Henry Tsai spoke to the students about the history of Taiwanese American advocacy, the humble beginnings of FAPA, our major legislative achievements, and our model of influencing U.S. policy. They also detailed ongoing programs, including the Emerging Leaders Workshop, the National Advocacy Conference, and internship opportunities.

The presentation included an engaging Q&A session, during which students asked thoughtful questions about FAPA's role in U.S.-Taiwan relations, our legislative priorities, and the inner workings of the U.S. Congress.

We look forward to these bright young leaders returning to Taiwan and continuing their academic journeys. Many are expected to pursue degrees at top institutions such as National Taiwan University (history, political science, law), National Chengchi University (diplomacy, international affairs, journalism), and National Sun Yat-sen University (sociology, public policy).

We are excited to see how their experiences abroad will shape their worldviews and inspire them to become the next generation of changemakers in Taiwan and beyond.



Students learning about the Taiwanese American Heritage Week (TAHW) initiative



DPP delegation visits FAPA HQ Office

Policy Talks and Baseball: FAPA Hosts DPP's Rising Policy Professionals

FAPA hosted a delegation of young policy professionals from Taiwan's Democratic Progressive Party (DPP). The delegation consisted of rising party leaders from various departments (such as Youth Development and Gender Equality) and Legislative Yuan staffers, covering a wide range of issues from national security to foreign affairs.

FAPA Executive Director Anny Hsiao and Policy Fellow Henry Tsai gave a presentation on the history of Taiwanese American advocacy, FAPA's humble beginnings, major legislative achievements, and ongoing policy priorities. We also introduced key FAPA programs, including the Emerging Leaders Workshop, the National Advocacy Conference, and the internship program.

The visit sparked a fruitful exchange of ideas and perspectives on working in politics in both the U.S. and Taiwan. To cap off the day, the FAPA staff joined the delegation for a Washington Nationals baseball game!

Coalition Building with Ukraine Advocates

FAPA Executive Director Anny Hsiao spoke at Razom's weekly Ukraine Advocacy Webinar, sharing insights with a group of dedicated Ukraine advocates. Razom is a U.S.-based nonprofit organization that promotes Ukrainian democracy and civil society through advocacy, education, and humanitarian support.

During her presentation, she discussed the history of Taiwanese American advocacy, her personal experience in grassroots organizing, and the importance of building long-term infrastructure through local "chapters."



FAPA staff and DDP delegates ended the day by watching a baseball game

Anny also offered strategies for engaging with more isolationist members of Congress, highlighting how and why foreign policy matters even to those who may be skeptical of international engagement.

The presentation was well-received and forms part of FAPA's broader effort to build coalitions among communities advocating for freedom, democracy, and international solidarity.

CHAPTER ENGAGEMENT

FAPA HQ Visits CA-OC Chapter

On Saturday, August 26, FAPA Executive Director Anny Hsiao joined the Orange County Chapter for its annual meeting, hosted by Chapter President Harrison Cheng. The gathering brought together more than 120 members, reflecting the strength and dedication of one of FAPA's largest grassroots chapters.

In her remarks, Hsiao spoke on the theme of “Meeting the Moment” in 2025, emphasizing that as Taiwan’s global visibility grows and China intensifies its military pressure, FAPA’s mission is more urgent than ever. She reflected on the organization’s origins in the 1980s—when it first advocated for Taiwan’s democracy and human rights—and highlighted how that foundation has evolved into today’s policy-forward movement shaping legislation on Capitol Hill to strengthen U.S.–Taiwan relations and bolster Taiwan’s security. She pointed to bipartisan momentum behind these efforts, underscoring that support for Taiwan is not only enduring but also growing.

Hsiao also highlighted FAPA’s first Taiwan Trek, which brought a cohort of emerging U.S. policy professionals to Taiwan to build long-term people-to-people connections between Taiwan and the American policy community. Standing before longtime members and new supporters alike, she underscored how gatherings like the Orange County annual meeting keep FAPA grounded in its purpose while expanding its reach nationwide.

She concluded by stressing that as FAPA broadens its work in Washington—from legislative strategy to leadership development—it will continue to rely on the passion and support of its grassroots network to remain a strong, strategic voice for Taiwan where it matters most.



Harrison Cheng, who served as CA-OC Chapter President for four years, facilitating the Annual Meeting



FAPA Executive Director Anny Hsiao with CA-OC Chapter members

Internship Reflections

Written by Peyton Austin, Policy Intern 2025

My name is Peyton. I'm a senior at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, majoring in International Politics with a Chinese minor, and for the past six months I've been one of FAPA's two policy interns. Throughout the internship, I've been working with our HQ team to help FAPA's congressional relations effort and promote Taiwanese sovereignty on Capitol Hill.

I joined FAPA because I believe in Taiwanese sovereignty and self-determination. While I am American by background, I grew up in Hong Kong. I lived through the 2014 Occupy Central Protests and the 2019 protest movement, along with the Beijing-imposed National Security Law that followed. **I saw what Chinese rule means for a vibrant, democratic society — and I know that Taiwan should not face the same fate.**

FAPA helps fulfill that mission every day, and our unique niche is our outreach program. We are the primary Taiwanese American organization doing congressional and government outreach in the United States, which means FAPA staff work closely with congressional offices and government officials to promote policies that help strengthen U.S.-Taiwan relations. As a policy intern, that gave me a chance to see firsthand how congressional advocacy works, and how foreign policy bills move through Congress to become law.

Working with FAPA has also given me valuable work experience that I'll take forward through my professional career. I've done too many projects to count, but one of my favorite tasks was updating and automating FAPA's internal bill tracker. Now, our policy staff can track hundreds of Taiwan-related bills and provisions without having to sift through individual websites and fill out an entire spreadsheet.

Working on the Taiwan This Week newsletter has also been another highlight. Each week, FAPA's staff selects 2-3 news stories affecting U.S.-Taiwan relations. We analyze the event, provide context, and discuss the potential impacts it could have on the United States and Taiwan. I've helped select stories, provide background research, and draft articles incorporated into the final piece; each week has taught me something new about the history of both countries, and the trends that matter for the future of our foreign policy.

All this experience will be valuable no matter what career I eventually choose, but the most fun I've had during this internship is working with the FAPA HQ team. Everyone here is exceptionally dedicated to fighting for Taiwanese sovereignty, and they work tirelessly to make U.S. policymakers and ordinary Americans aware of the importance Taiwan has for U.S. security and global democracy. It's been a privilege to work alongside such an impressive team, and I know FAPA will only continue to shine in their hands.

"I saw what Chinese rule means for a vibrant, democratic society — and I know that Taiwan should not face the same fate."

Peyton Austin, intern



In short, working for FAPA has been among the best things I've ever done. I'm grateful to everyone on the FAPA team for this opportunity, and to you for supporting our fight here in Washington.

Taiwan's struggle matters, and I'm glad FAPA is fighting tirelessly to keep Taiwan free.



Policy intern Linsey Brookfield (right) and Aiden Wegener (left) with HQ staff on their last day of internship

“It has reaffirmed my determination to work in the public service sector because I have seen how the efforts of every single actor can help bring about good, meaningful change.”

Linsey Brookfield, intern

*Written by **Linsey Brookfield**, Policy Intern 2025*

For the last five months, I have had the absolute pleasure of working as a policy intern for the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA).

As a student at Georgetown studying Political Economy and Asian Studies, in many regards working at FAPA was like a dream come true. Because of its small number of full-time staff, working at FAPA gave me the incredible opportunity to not only put into practice the skills I’d learned through my academics (i.e. analyzing current affairs, developing policy suggestions) but also to see my work directly reach FAPA’s chapters across the United States. Many of the weekly news roundups sent out to FAPA chapters this summer were written, in part, by myself or my fellow intern, Peyton.

What made this internship particularly special to me was the amount of trust that FAPA had in me and my abilities. Many of the tasks that I was assigned such as writing policy memos and daily news roundups were mine alone. I solely was entrusted with the responsibility to make sure that the information I produced was accurate, clear, and ready for distribution. This level of trust ensured that I consistently held myself, and the work I was producing, to the highest standard. It is rare, especially in an entry-level position, that you get to see your contributions be so directly distributed to a larger audience, but at FAPA, I was able to witness my work influence not only internal operations in the D.C. office, but also be received and inform conversations about Taiwanese-Americans nationwide. This knowledge, that the work I was doing was making a difference, added purpose to everything that I did.

Beyond the work that I did, being at FAPA taught me about the importance of grassroots advocacy and the constituent voice. Getting to see advocacy in action on the hill through sitting in on meetings between FAPA and congressional offices helped me understand how strategic communication has an immediate effect on the policy decisions being made in the government. It has reaffirmed my determination to work in the public service sector because I have seen how the efforts of every single actor can help bring about good, meaningful change.

These lessons I have learned at FAPA I will carry with me for the rest of my life and to each position I hold in the future. I truly cannot express the gratitude I have for the FAPA team and organization. Thank you FAPA!

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MASON TSAI

Policy Intern

Mason Tsai is a recent graduate from George Washington University, where he majored in International Affairs with a focus on Asia and minored in History. He is especially interested in U.S.-China relations and competition in the Indo-Pacific. That interest led him to spend a semester abroad at the National University of Singapore, where he studied topics like China's history, its economy, and the wars in Southeast Asia, while also researching Singapore's role in U.S.-China strategic competition. Previously, He was also a writing intern at the Renew Democracy Initiative.



FELIX WANG

Policy Associate

Felix Wang is a Policy Associate at FAPA, where he leverages over a decade of experience in human-centered design and strategy to advocate for stronger U.S.-Taiwan relations.

He holds a Bachelor of Design (B.Des.) from the University of Washington. Prior to his policy work, he led user experience and product design initiatives at Google, where he saw firsthand how global supply chains and geopolitical tensions shape technology development. Felix earned his Master of International Affairs from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), concentrating in International Security Policy and Political Development.

He likes pie.



HANWEI WANG

Operations Associate

Hanwei Wang is a graduate student at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs in Washington, D.C., where he is pursuing an M.A. in International Affairs with a concentration in International Economics. He holds a B.A. in International Relations from National Chengchi University in Taipei.

Hanwei brings hands-on experience across finance, administration, data, and government affairs. His portfolio included planning press conferences, hosting U.S. and European delegations, white-paper consultations with 25 cross-industry committees and generating record-high membership directory sales. Hanwei is proficient in data analysis and widely used business platforms. His professional interests span international political economy, trade policy, supply chain resilience, and institutional governance, informed by research training and field experience across Asia, Europe, and North America.

Miao Poya took a selfie with the MA speech event audience



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Hundreds of people flocked into the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Washington for Miao Poya's speech event

The East Coast Speech Tour took place from June 27 through July 6, 2025, featuring Taipei City Councilor Miao Poya (苗博雅) as the keynote speaker. She spoke in 8 cities, including Atlanta, Columbus, Chicago, Boston, New York, New Jersey, Baltimore and Washington DC. On the West Coast and in the South-Central U.S., FAPA invited Taipei City Council Member Sabrina Lim (林亮君) to speak at the West Coast Speech Tour from July 11 through July 20. The tour visited 9 cities, including Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, Seattle, San Francisco Bay Area, Sacramento, Orange County, San Diego, and Los Angeles.

2 SPEAKERS, 20 DAYS, 17 CITIES, 1,300+ PARTICIPANTS

With more than 1,300 participants attending, the tour fostered meaningful conversations and connections within Taiwanese-American communities in each city. The annual fundraising speech tour creates a space for FAPA members, supporters, and new faces to come together, learn about current developments in Taiwan, exchange ideas, and strengthen our collective commitment to Taiwan.

SAILING TOWARD FREEDOM: TAIWAN'S CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Taipei City Councilor Miao addressed three major challenges facing Taiwan in her speech. The first is the constant pressure from the CCP, as China continues to intensify its pressure on Taiwan through various means. The second challenge comes from global economic uncertainties following the Trump administration, which have prompted Taiwan to strengthen its

trade negotiations and relations with the U.S. The third challenge is domestic political instability, including the ongoing constitutional crisis in Taiwan's Legislative Yuan, which poses a serious threat to the country's democracy.

"I've never had to leave my hometown, but my high school classmate came to the U.S. for college and lived here for over ten years. During the 2017 election campaign, she said to me, **'I hope you can help me protect Taiwan. I don't want to grow old and realize that my home is gone,'**" she recalled.

This sentiment is shared by many Taiwanese Americans. Many of us have left Taiwan, yet we continue to care deeply about our homeland and its future. It is this love and concern for Taiwan that brings us to FAPA, because we want to do our part to protect it.

Despite these challenges, Miao remains confident that we can overcome them together. She said, **"Taiwan is a miracle of the world. Its economy is thriving, democracy is flourishing, and its defense capabilities are growing stronger—all while facing escalating pressure from China."**

There is no other country like Taiwan. No other nation faces such intense external and internal challenges yet continues to grow as a vibrant economy. As a Taiwanese American, you can support Taiwan even from afar. Miao said, "Besides staying informed about Taiwanese politics and society, you can also advocate for Taiwan—just as FAPA has been doing for decades. FAPA helps amplify Taiwanese voices to Congress. Our voices are strongest when we speak together. **Taiwan needs help more than ever, and your actions can make a real difference."**

OUR TAIWANESE SPIRIT: BRIDGING GENERATIONS OF MEMORY AND HOPE

Taipei City Councilor Sabrina Lim shared her personal journey into politics, which began with an unexpected phone call that led her into public service. Starting as an assistant in a legislator's office, she later decided to run for office herself and was successfully elected as a Taipei City Councilor in 2018. Her personal story has become an inspiring example of youth engagement in politics.

Over the past decade, Lim has observed a growing sense of responsibility and civic engagement among Taiwan's younger generation. More young people are willing to stand up for Taiwan's democracy and future. From the 2014 Sunflower Movement to the 2024 Bluebird Movement, she has witnessed a growing creativity in how citizens organized protests and public events. Similarly, the recent mass recall efforts were initiated by civil society organizations, which also reflected the vitality and determination of the younger generation.

Beyond Taiwan's domestic development, she highlighted FAPA's crucial role in promoting Taiwan abroad. She talked about FAPA's history and its contributions since 1982, emphasizing FAPA's efforts in advancing pro-Taiwan legislation in the U.S. Congress, cultivating young leaders, and reinforcing U.S.-Taiwan ties.

"Each generation has its own voice, but one thing that unites us all is our shared love for Taiwan," she said. Driven by this passion and love, she remains deeply committed to building a better future for Taiwan, despite the many obstacles and challenges she has encountered in her public service journey.

CIVIL DIPLOMACY IN ACTION

In addition to the speech events, chapters organized other activities to promote civil diplomacy. IL Chapter President Clark Chen arranged a meeting for Miao with Chicago City Councilor Raymond Lopez. MA Chapter President Chia-Tai Chi scheduled a tour for Miao at the Massachusetts State House. TX-N Former Chapter President John Hsieh organized a Dallas city tour for Lim during her free time before the speech event, while KS Former Chapter President Chunyen Liu planned an extensive city tour for her. CA-SAC Chapter President Sandy Huang also took Lim to the California State Capitol.

Many thanks to all the host chapters for their hard work in organizing the speech events and for showing our speakers around during their visit.



City-to-City Connections: IL Chapter President Clark Chen and Taipei City Councilor Miao Poya Meeting Chicago City Councilor Raymond Lopez



Sabrina Lim in Houston Texas before the speech



Miao Poya with the NJ FAPA Members

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Miao Poya,
2025 Fundraising Speech Tour Speaker

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CA-NORTH





How Miao Poya Helped Energize FAPA Maryland

Written by Tim Chng, MD Chapter President

In 2024, our FAPA Maryland Chapter was relatively small with only 45 members. When planning our January 2025 advocacy workshop, only 15 members attended. Thus, we were unsure of our turnout when considering participation in the FAPA fundraising speaking tour with Taipei City Council Member Miao Poya. We set a modest goal of raising \$2,500.

Our first challenge was finding an affordable venue. After exploring options, we secured a space at Howard Community College, facilitated by FAPA HQ, providing non-profit details and liability insurance information to allow for a discounted rate.

Since we couldn't rely solely on our existing members, we sought to reach new supporters. We utilized Yapsody, an online ticketing system that enabled people to easily purchase tickets online, receive QR code tickets, and use a mobile app that scanned tickets at the door. This made it easier for people who had never attended FAPA or TAA events to buy tickets to hear Miao Poya speak as if it was a normal public ticketing event. We spread QR code flyers at community events like the Baltimore Pride Parade, Taiwanese American picnics and Asian American community gatherings around Maryland.

To further expand outreach, we boosted the event using Meta ads (Facebook / Instagram accounts), targeting people within 30 miles of Howard Community College who were interested in Taiwan. Through our social media advertisement that sold online tickets, we saw an increase in our participation and reach.

These efforts paid off: roughly 50 people attended our event. Nearly half of the participants were first-time FAPA participants. We also had a special guest, Maryland State Senator Clarence Lam, in attendance. Not only did we exceed our fundraising goal by raising \$10,000, but we also introduced many new supporters to FAPA Maryland.

Miao Poya's powerful presence and ability to connect with the audience gave our chapter momentum and helped strengthen our grassroots foundation. With continued guidance from FAPA HQ, we look forward to building on this success to further advocate for Taiwan's freedom, democracy, and independence.



State Senator Clarence Lam and Taipei City Councilor Miao Poya



MD Chapter President Tim Chng gave a presentation on HQ policy and impact report

Building Bridges Through Civil Diplomacy: Sabrina Lim's Kansas Speech Tour

Written by Chunyen Liu, Former KS Chapter President

The Kansas chapter is very glad to host one of the stops on the West Coast Speech Tour from July 13 to July 15. This remains our biggest annual event and an invaluable opportunity to connect face-to-face with our fellow members and friends. Since Sabrina stayed in Kansas for nearly two and a half days, our core team members organized additional activities to showcase Kansas City beyond her main speech event.

A Warm Welcome to Kansas City

On the morning of July 13, Gary Bjorge, Carol Peters and I went to the airport to pick up our speaker Sabrina Lim with an enlarged poster of the official FAPA speech tour. She was immediately recognized right at the gate. Our chapter tour officially began with a happy selfie group photo.

With some free time before the speech event, my wife, Shuhsien Chang, and I had the pleasure of showing Sabrina and our guests around our backyard garden, which is full of vegetables and fruits. In addition to my full-time engineering work, I am a U.S.A.-certified table tennis umpire and a state-level coach. Therefore, we have a professional table tennis setup with two tables and a ball robot in the basement, so we took the opportunity to play a bit with our guests. Sabrina and Gary had a chance to hit around with the robot, and they seemed to really enjoy it.



From left to right: Sabrina Lim, KS Chapter President Gary Bjorge, Carol Peters, Chunyen Liu at the MCI airport

Sabrina Inspires During KS Speech Tour

Our speech event was held at Joy Wok Restaurant, with 45 participants in attendance, including members from Wichita who drove four hours to join us. After an one-hour lunch, I gave a brief chapter report, followed by a short introduction of the incoming KS Chapter President, Gary (Current KS Chapter President). KS Chapter Treasurer Jane Kung then provided a brief overview of Sabrina's background, and everyone welcomed her with enthusiastic applause. Sabrina took the podium and immediately engaged the audience with her cheerful and outgoing personality.

KS Chapter wrapped up the Speech Tour event with a happy group photo





From left to right: Sabrina Lim, Shuhsien Chang, and Former KS Chapter President Chunyen Liu

Sabrina shared stories and experiences from different stages of her political journey, explaining how she first started her journey in public service, which shaped who she is today. She highlighted several key moments in Taiwan's democratization process and expressed concern about the current situation in the Legislative Yuan, emphasizing how we can contribute to making a positive difference. During the Q&A session, one member expressed gratitude and inquired about support for soccer development in Taiwan, while most others asked about the ongoing recall campaigns. Sabrina answered the questions to the best of her knowledge. After the speech, participants took several group photos and stayed to chat with her individually. Thanks to Sabrina, we were also able to successfully auction three FAPA jackets and a professional baseball jersey.

Strengthening ties with KU and Leawood City Hall

We began the day with a scenic drive around Clinton Lake, followed by an overview of the beautiful University of Kansas (KU) campus, which has been recognized as one of the nation's top 10 most scenic college campuses. Our first stop was at KU's East Asian Library, where we were warmly welcomed by Michiko Ito. She introduced the library's collections and highlighted its connections to Taiwan.

Next, we met with Megan Greene and Renee Frias from KU's International and Global Programs. Both had recently visited Taiwan, where they helped connect several KU students with National Sun Yat-sen University (國立中山大學). Both of them greatly enjoyed their time in Kaohsiung and expressed interest in building connections with the Kaohsiung City Government. Sabrina offered to help facilitate potential collaborations with the city's education department.

Last but not least, we visited Leawood City Hall and met with Mayor Marc Elkins and Chairwoman Jana Elkins of the I-Lan Sister City Committee. To our surprise, Mayor Elkins delivered a formal presentation introducing Leawood and then guided us through a display of I-Lan (宜蘭) artifacts collected since the 1980s. The city also presented us with visitor gifts, and Sabrina pledged to assist in exploring the possibility of mutual visits between the two sister cities.

Exploring Kansas City with Sabrina

Apart from the formal visits and speech, we also had the chance to show Sabrina around Kansas City. Our Kansas Chapter core members, Dr. Fei-Tau Kung (龔飛濤) and Jane Kung, hosted us at Jack Stack BBQ, a Kansas City classic. They ordered an impressive spread of barbecued meats, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed both the food and the time spent together.

Meeting with Leawood City Mayor Marc Elkins (Center)





Sabrina Lim, Shuhsien Chang, and Chunyen Liu at the Country Club Plaza



Kansas chapter core members and Lim at the famous Jack Stack Barbecue restaurant of Kansas City

We took Sabrina to stop by Garmin Headquarters, where the founder Dr. Min Kao (高民環) was originally from Taiwan. We then took Sabrina to see the popular tourist site - Country Club Plaza. This magnificent and relaxing area was mainly a replica of Seville, Spain. Kansas City is known as the City of Fountains, and you can find many sculptures and fountains throughout the plaza. She also rubbed the famous sculpture boar's nose to wish Taiwan good luck. Our final stop was the World War I Museum, where the observation deck offers a panoramic view of the city. We then drove her to the airport and bid farewell to her. We expressed our gratitude for her support of FAPA and we truly appreciated her visit.



Rubbing the wild boar's nose at the Country Club Plaza is believed to bring good fortune

Meeting with Staff from KU'S International and Global Program





WA Chapter Speech Tour Group Photo

陳嘉瑜, FAPA WA會員

與 FAPA 最一開始的接觸是在留學時期，透過學校的台裔教職員的分享，斷斷續續參加過幾場政治人物的巡迴演講。那時候，身為一個背井離鄉的小小留學生，在連亞洲餐廳五顆指頭都數得出來的城市念書，但每到台灣人集會的場合，都會被鄉親大哥大姊滿滿的熱情感動，而在會後交流之際，逐漸認識 FAPA 和它背後的宗旨和展望，也期許自己將來能參與更多 FAPA 的活動。

今年FAPA邀請林亮君市議員到美西巡迴演講。我對林亮君的印象僅限於仁愛路四段507號裡與阿苗和吳崢的開講片段，不過既然是FAPA舉辦的活動當然是義不容辭地參加。林亮君的演講風格非常親切又有活力，完全看不出她在來西雅圖之前，已經連續好幾天在不同城市宣講，讓我十分佩服，真的是人如其名。她一路從FAPA的崛起開始，串聯了台灣古今台外的大事件和她自己的從政歷程。其中最令我印象深刻的是，她從太陽花運動一路走到時代力量，和退黨後以無黨籍身份連任市議員的過程，她坦誠面對過去的台灣本土小黨挑戰與困境，卻也展現自己堅持守護台灣民主的決心。在她身上，我看到一位年輕有熱忱，對台灣社會有夢想抱負的政治家。她明白了理想與現實之間的差距，也依然在困難中保持初心。演講中，她針對當前社會與政策議題提出了許多獨到見解，尤其是對於青年參與公共事務、社區連結以及民主深化的觀點，讓我深受感動。她鼓勵大家不只是關心政治，更要勇於參與，透過行動影響社會。

整場演講結束後，我深深感受到，不論身處國內或海外，作為台灣公民的我們都應該關心國際局勢變化、關注台美雙向政策，更要勇於表達與行動。林亮君的經驗與思維，提醒我們每個人都能在自己所處的社群中發揮影響力，也激勵我在未來更積極參與FAPA的公共事務。



Lim gave an amazing speech at the WA Chapter Speech Tour



WA Chapter President Ying-Po Liao fundraised for FAPA

MA Chapter President 杞佳泰

我們在巡迴演講活動之前已經感受到阿苗的魅力，鄉親朋友們對於這場活動都非常期待，紛紛表示他們一定會來參加！大家相當欣賞阿苗的專業能力、說話條理分明，阿苗的魅力和親和力吸引了很多的粉絲，演講活動中幾乎有一半以上的人是第一次來參加FAPA的活動。幾天的相處下來，阿苗認真的工作態度讓我印象非常深刻，我們參觀麻州議會、波士頓公有市場和紅襪球場，一路上討論著不同城市間的發展、市民們的驕傲和認同感，像是在市場裡我們聊到傳統市場的肉品保存方式以及消費者的習慣；在紅襪球場除了感受到球迷們的熱情之外，也思考如何經營運動產業和運動行銷。

晚上的演講內容很感人和精彩，演講一開始阿苗問大家在美國住了多久，也感謝台美人為台灣付出非常多的時間和精力，因為每個人對台灣的關心和擔憂，讓大家聚在一起、互相支持。接著阿苗提到FAPA過去為我們做的倡議運動，讓台美人護照上的出生地正名或註記為台灣，幫助更多人認識FAPA長期以來在美國爭取國會和國際社會的支持。

最激勵人心的是阿苗告訴大家如何在國外關心台灣的大罷免，可以幫忙向親朋好友拉票、說明當今局勢對台灣的影響。

麻州分會在演講準備了很多樣義賣商品，其中有麻州當地的台美人藝術家Joyce Wu、Fluffy Formosa 捐贈的藝術作品、作家Kim Liao 簽名書，副會長鍾佳君從台灣帶來的臺灣環島徽章、玉山運動毛巾、美麗寶島台灣滿花提袋和精緻磁鐵書籤等，大家對這些充滿台灣味的商品都相當捧場。另外，麻州分會製作合照的相框用來宣傳及提供給大家跟阿苗一起同框合照。

我們的午餐募款餐會吸引到長期支持FAPA的會員們，能更近距離地與阿苗互動，透過面對面的互動來瞭解政治局勢，討論台美人在美國能為台灣做的事情，大家都非常關心台灣的現況和困境。



Miao's speech resonated with many participants



Fundraising luncheon with FAPA's long-time supporters

2025 FUNDRAISING SPEECH TOUR RESULTS

To all those who participated in or donated to a speech tour event, thank you for making the 2025 FAPA Fundraising Speech Tour a tremendous success! We deeply appreciate the incredible efforts each chapter put into organizing the events and the enthusiastic participation from our FAPA communities across the country.

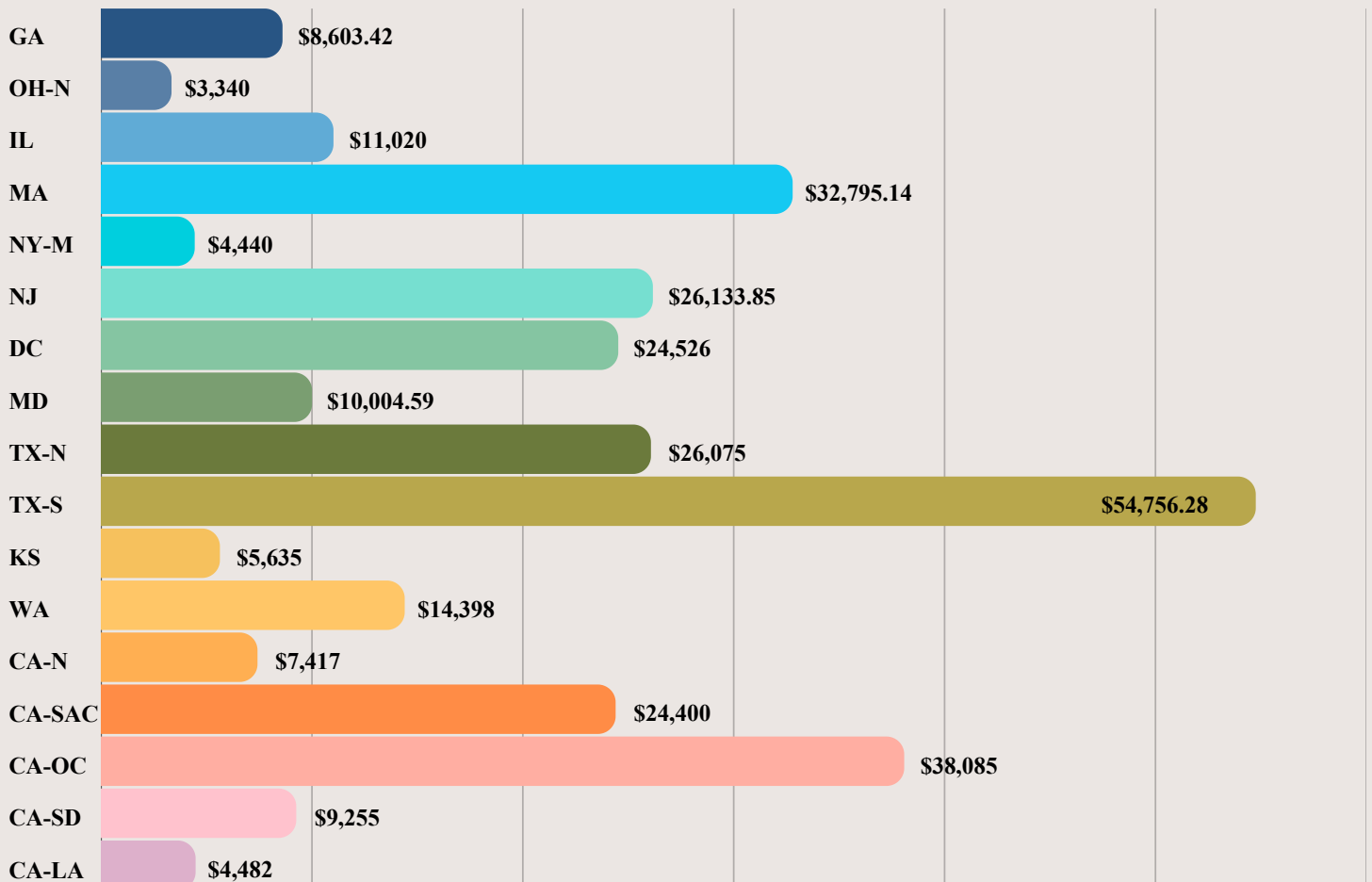
This year, the tour went to 17 cities, brought together 1,300 participants, and inspired over 900 donations, raising a total of \$304,966.97, which surpassed last year's total of \$211,434.

These generous contributions came from our loyal members, both old and new, as well as from friends and new faces who have just joined us on our journey. As a completely grassroots nonprofit organization, FAPA is driven by individual donations from members like yourselves. Your donation supports all the work we do to defend democracy in Taiwan.



Total Donation by Chapters

We have received remarkable fundraising results from each chapter. The graph below shows a detailed breakdown of the donations contributed by each chapter. The order is arranged according to the chronological event dates.



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CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

CA-LA

Alex Chen

7/20/2025 Ling Liangchun meeting with local elected officials, fundraiser event, Miss Taiwanese American pageant court, and fundraiser dinner.

7/27/2025 China Democratic Party held a protest at the Chinese Consulate of LA to support Taiwan.

8/6/2025 LA Chapter's Vice President Ken Wu met with newly elected deputy party whip Rep. Fry for a lunch meeting to discuss US-Taiwan relations and the threat of CCP to the US. Rep Fry (SC-7) welcomed FAPA to schedule a meeting with him in this year's NAC.

8/12/2025 in-person board meeting to discuss upcoming events.

8/26/2025 Ken Wu met with Rep. Thomas Kean Jr. (NJ-7) to discuss a range of important topics, including U.S.-Taiwan relations, economic and trade exchanges, the Russia-Ukraine war, and the threats posed by the Chinese Communist Party to both Taiwan and the United States.

Rep. Kean has not yet had the opportunity to visit Taiwan. Ken expressed his gratitude for the Congressman's co-sponsorship of pro-Taiwan legislation and support for Taiwan-related resolutions during his term. Rep. Kean commended FAPA's advocacy efforts and welcomed continued outreach to keep his office updated on issues concerning U.S.-Taiwan relations.

9/13-16/2025 Ken Wu and Raeden Kough head to DC for National Advocacy Conference. They visit offices of Representatives: Russell Fry, Young Kim, Dave Min and Brad Sherman.

10/1/2025 Annual Resist China Protest at the Chinese Consulate of LA, with focus on Uighurs this year.



Lunch meeting with deputy party whip Rep. Russell Fry



With Rep. Thomas Kean Jr. (NJ-7)





NAC CA-South Team in front of Rep. Dave Min's office



CA-South Team had a face-to-face meeting with Rep. Young Kim during NAC



NAC visit: Rep. Russell Fry



NAC visit: Rep. Brad Sherman



Annual Resist China Protest at the Chinese Consulate of LA



DC

Kevin Huang 黃凱峰

Hundreds of people showed up to Councilor Miao's speech at the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Washington

2025 FAPA East Coast Fundraising Speech Tour - Taipei City Councilor Miao Poya (July 13, 2025)

The 2025 FAPA East Coast Fundraising Speech Tour featuring Taipei City Councilor Miao Poya was a great success! Hosted by the FAPA DC Chapter at the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Washington, the event brought together an enthusiastic audience for an inspiring discussion on Taiwan's challenges and opportunities in its pursuit of freedom. The lively exchange and strong community participation made it a memorable and meaningful gathering.

FAPA DC Chapter Participated the UN For Taiwan Rally in New York (September 13, 2025)

On September 13, 2025, members of the FAPA DC Chapter proudly participated in the UN for Taiwan Rally in New York City. Joining hundreds of supporters dressed in bright yellow, the team stood in solidarity to advocate for Taiwan's rightful membership in the United Nations. The event showcased unity, enthusiasm, and unwavering commitment to promoting Taiwan's visibility and voice on the global stage.



DC Chapter attended UN for Taiwan rally in New York

President Lee Teng-hui (LTH) Memorial Fundraising campaign

The Taiwanese American community in the DC area has hosted the Annual President Lee Teng-hui Memorial Service for three consecutive years, thanks to the generous support of Dr. Charles Ou. To ensure the continuity of this meaningful tradition, Dr. Ou launched a memorial fund with a matching donation plan of up to \$75,000, aiming for a total of \$150,000 by September 30, 2025. We are pleased to announce that the fundraising campaign successfully concluded at the end of September, reaching **\$53,146 in total donations**.

We deeply appreciate everyone's generosity and participation in honoring President Lee Teng-hui's legacy and helping keep this annual tradition alive.



President Lee Teng-Hui memorial service flyer

FL-S

Paul Cordon

August 2026

After considerable coordination, a meeting was successfully arranged for Anny and Henry with Foreign Affairs Director Austin Johnson at the Washington, D.C. office of Congresswoman Maria Salazar. This meeting marked a significant step in strengthening communication channels with key congressional offices.

National Advocacy Conference

Members of the South Florida team—**Zoy Ku Awasaki, Tina, and Paul Cordon**—participated in the National Advocacy Conference, joining other FAPA teams in meetings with the following congressional offices:

- Senator Rick Scott – Legislative Correspondent Ben Petri
- Senator Raphael Warnock (GA) – Legislative Correspondent Austin Myhre
- Congresswoman Lois Frankel – Legislative Aide Cristian Diaz Hernandez
- Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz – Senior Legislative Assistant Max Price
- Congresswoman Kat Cammack – Legislative Director Christina Lassiter
- Congresswoman Nikema Williams (GA) – Legislative Director Lucy Schmitz

In addition, members of the South Florida team assisted in the distribution of FAPA legislative priority packets to the offices of Representatives Brian Mast, Daniel Webster, Kathy Castor, Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, Gus Bilirakis, Jared Moskowitz, and Neal Dunn, further extending FAPA's advocacy outreach.



Tom, Jia Ch'i, Su Mei, Ben Petri Legislative Correspondent, Paul, Justin and Henry at the office of Senator Rick Scott

September 27, 2025

Paul represented the South Florida team at the Experience Asia Festival in Tallahassee, introducing South Florida's techno-loving Third Prince (電音三太子) to the event. The performance, supported by Florida State University students, attracted considerable public attention and engagement. Based on the enthusiastic response, plans are underway to bring the FAPA Speech Tour to Tallahassee in the coming year.

Tom, Paul, Annie, Su Mei, Senior Legislative Assistant Max Price and Tina outside the office of Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz





FAPA-MA fundraising speech event at Hampton in Watertown

MA

Chia-Tai Chi

Monthly Vigil for Taiwan

MA Chapter has been running this monthly vigil for Taiwan for 15 years! Every second Saturday of the month we continue this tradition at Harvard Square to advocate for Taiwan.

「表態不是件容易的事。十五年又八天前，我們帶著手工剪貼的看板，第一次在哈佛廣場舉牌、發傳單，向路人宣傳台灣，以及我們希望強化台美關係、維護台灣主體性的訴求。那天神經緊繃，時時注意全場，深怕發生突發狀況。但完成這場不知道到底有沒有效果的活動後，我們決定：這件事，一定要繼續做下去。」

從那天起，每個月第二個星期六，波士頓的台派就固定在哈佛廣場站出來，風雪無懼。

不知不覺，十五年過去了。如果 Harvard Square outreach 是個孩子，他現在會是個固執、充滿活力的少年。謝謝所有曾經為了這個一開始超級理想化的活動趕來、做道具、拉布條、唱歌、即使離開波士頓，也刻意排行程回來參加的老朋友、新朋友。謝謝你們，用行動陪彼此走到今天。」 -- *By Chia-Chun Chung*

East Coast Fundraising Speech Tour

We had over 100 participants attending our fundraising events and exceeded our fundraising goal! Some people came to our FAPA-MA event for the first time, and some people have been supporting FAPA for many decades. We appreciate everyone's support to FAPA and welcome new members to join MA chapter.

National Advocacy Conference (NAC)

MA Team had **6 Congressional meetings** on the Capital Hill and **2 virtual meetings** in the week of September 15th. We discussed the legislation that strengthened the U.S.-Taiwan relationship which reflects our commitment to fulfilling our FAPA vision statement. We sent a clear message to our representatives by asking them to support the bills.

FAPA-MA monthly vigil for Taiwan at Harvard Square





Meeting at Congresswoman Lori Trahan's office



FAPA-MA Team in Washington D.C. for the annual National Advocacy Conference



MD Chapter Crab Social

MD

Tim Chng and Min Eu

At Howard Community college on July 13, we hosted a talk by Miao Poya to fundraise for FAPA. Our chapter raised \$10K! We had a special visit from Maryland state senator Clarence Lam.

七月十三日，佇Howard社區學院，阮舉辦苗博雅的演講會，為台灣人公共事務會募款。阮Maryland分會募著一萬美金！Maryland州參議員Clarence Lam嘛特別來參加。

To follow up, we held a FAPA MD Crab social on August 2 and had crabs at the Canton Waterfront in downtown Baltimore.

接著，在八月二日，我們又舉辦了一場 FAPA 馬里蘭蟹宴同樂會。大家齊聚在巴爾的摩市中心的 Canton Waterfront，一邊享用美味的螃蟹，一邊交流情感，氣氛熱絡又溫馨。

Later that week, we participated in the Howard County night out to have a FAPA and Taiwanese presence among Howard county municipal workers.

緊接著在同一星期，我們還參加了霍華郡 Howard County 郡政府和警消單位共同舉辦的 National Night Out 鄰里之夜活動。National Night Out 乃是全美各地促進警民鄰里關係的活動，固定於八月第一個星期二舉行。自霍華郡開辦鄰里之夜以來即獲得霍郡台美居民熱烈響應，今年FAPA-MD 和參加的朋友讓霍郡公部門單位和民間友人看見台灣、更認識台灣。

In September, our chapter helped organize the FAPA DC/MD/VA advocacy team where 14 of us participated in the National Advocacy Conference. We held 11 meetings with different congressional offices from Maryland and Virginia to Alaska (Thanks to Jeff Chen, our FAPA Maryland member who lives in Alaska).



Tabling at Howard County's National Night Out

我們分會在九月份協助籌組了 FAPA DC/MD/VA 的倡議團隊。這次共有 十四位成員參加全國倡議會議，行程緊湊而充實。我們在四天內拜會了來自 馬里蘭州、維吉尼亞州，甚至將遊說範圍擴大至 阿拉斯加州的國會議員辦公室（特別感謝來自阿拉斯加、同時也是我們 FAPA 馬里蘭分會成員的 Jeff Chen）。我們總共進行了 十一場會議，全力為臺灣發聲。



Team DC/Maryland/Virginia attended National Advocacy Conference and visited 11 Congressional offices.

To finish off our busy Fall quarter, FAPA Maryland also tabled at the Rockville Bubble tea festival to promote the FAPA petitions and sell T-shirts to fundraise for FAPA where we were able to raise over 700 dollars and raise awareness for the bills FAPA is seeking to pass in congress!

去年此時沒想到今年的夏、秋季行程會如此繁忙，FAPA 馬里蘭分會九月還參加了台灣宜蘭市的姊妹市，馬里蘭 洛克維爾（Rockville）市的台灣珍珠奶茶節。謝謝主辦單位為我們設置了攤位，不僅向民眾推廣 FAPA 的連署行動，也販售 T 恤為 FAPA 募款。這次在台灣珍珠奶茶節初試啼聲的結果相當成功，不但募得超過 七百美元，更讓更多人了解 FAPA 努力的宗旨和正在國會推動的法案與倡議方向！

Right: Tabling at the Rockville Bubble tea festival to promote the FAPA petitions and sell T-shirts to fundraise for FAPA



NC

Jessica Hwang-Strickland

FAPA前會長黃英男醫師，現會長黃淑娟和北卡同鄉會會長謝雅濤在9月13日-15日參加FAPA一年一度的盛會NAC2025。有一百多人參加，看到90%都是年輕人，充滿活力熱情，主動參與advocacy，感到很欣慰，我們看見了台灣希望。

我們於9月15日星期一拜訪了四位北卡的國會議員，參議員Ted Budd 參議員 Tom Tillis 眾議員 Deborah Ross 眾議員 Valerie Foushee，請他們支持五個台灣的bills，保障台灣的安全及加速軍火的運送給台灣。Senators Ted Budd 和Tom Tillis對台灣非常支持，congresswomen Ross 和Foushee 也表示非常友好。我們希望透過和這些參眾議員們的溝通交流，能夠幫助台灣的未來前景，讓台灣的重要性成為全球共識。



Senator Budd Office visit



Senator Tillis Office visit

Congresswoman Foushee Office visit



NJ

Ming-Tsung Ho

- FAPA-NJ Chapter team to 2025 National Advocacy Conference (NAC) composed of eight members completed the scheduled meetings with the offices of ten (out of twelve) representatives and one (out of two) Senator of New Jersey on 09/15/2025. Worth noting, this is the first time in more than 10 years that FAPA-NJ Chapter team finally succeeded in meeting with Representative Donald Norcross' office.
- The Taiwanese Language Table biweekly serial event of Fall 2025 sponsored by FAPA-NJ and Princeton University Taiwanese American Student Association formally kicked off on 09/21/2025. The Church Romanization Taiwanese, Pêh-ōe-jī (POJ), used by the first Taiwan news paper printed in 1885, will be adopted as the main writing system for this Taiwanese learning serial event.

NJ Team group photo in front of the Capitol

NY-Hudson

Chi-Lin (Mike) O'Young 歐陽吉林

Invited Congressman Pat Ryan (D, NY 18) to join the Congressional Taiwan Caucus

On September 6, 2025, Chapter President Chi-Lin O'Young attended a reception for Congressman Pat Ryan and invited him to join the Congressional Taiwan Caucus (CTC). Congressman Ryan immediately accepted the invitation and instructed his aide to follow up. We have been encouraging his participation since his first election in 2022.

A West Point graduate, Iraq War veteran, and member of the House Armed Services Committee, Congressman Ryan is well-versed in the security and strategic dynamics of the Taiwan Strait. He has been a consistent and vocal supporter of Taiwan's right to self-defense against aggression from the People's Liberation Army (PLA).

A follow-up email was sent to his aide regarding the membership process. The aide confirmed that the application has been submitted and agreed to check on its status. We are delighted to welcome a new friend of Taiwan to the CTC.

2025 FAPA National Advocacy Conference, September 13–15

Two Chapter members, Jesha Tan-Prekop and Chi-Lin O'Young, attended the 2025 FAPA National Advocacy Conference and joined the New York Team. The team consisted of 21 participants, divided into three groups under three captains. Most members were young professionals from the Metro Chapter (photo), which was especially encouraging to see—so many passionate young advocates standing up for Taiwan's future.

On Advocacy Day, Monday, September 15, the team completed 13 Congressional visits, including meetings with two U.S. Senators and 11 House Representatives. O'Young led one group that visited the offices of Senators Schumer (photo) and Gillibrand, as well as Representatives Lawler (R–NY-17), Ryan (D–NY-18), and Riley (D–NY-19).

During the visits, we presented and discussed four Senate bills and four House bills, requesting co-sponsorships. It was truly inspiring to witness the strong bipartisan support for Taiwan in the U.S. Capitol.



2025 FAPA NAC NY Team
Monday, September 15, DC

The teams were warmly received, and the discussions with Congressional aides were highly positive and encouraging. In the same week, two pro-Taiwan House bills—the Six Assurances to Taiwan Act and the Taiwan Allies Fund Act—were unanimously passed by the House Foreign Affairs Committee, further reflecting the growing consensus in Congress to strengthen U.S.–Taiwan relations.



2025 FAPA NAC NY Team Visited Senator Schumer
Ying-Jia, Ian, O'Young, Felix, Jeremy, Megan, Chia-Han
Hart Hall, Monday, September 15th



Team Ohio with Jake Evans, Rep. Mike Carey's FAA during 2025 NAC

OH-C

Nancy Ho

9/13 - 9/15 National Advocacy Conference

First time that I did not have one, but two other members in my company attending the NAC. We were proud to have two first timers joined our NAC team. They both appreciated the entire program and picked up things pretty quickly. Visiting the congressional offices was one of the things amazed them the most. We made 7 congressional office visits (Senators Jon Husted and Bernie Moreno, Representatives Mike Carey, Mike Ruilli, Troy Balderson, Joyce Beatty and Jim Jordan) on 9/15 in collaboration with OH-N and OH-S that formed the buckeye's Team Ohio.

9/21 Six Assurances To Taiwan Act Petition

In less than a week after coming back from the NAC, we distributed a flyer with a brief description of the Six Assurances To Taiwan Act (in Mandarin translation) along with the QR code for the petition during a TAA Columbus Moon Festival event resulted a collection of 20 signatures at the event. Those who signed the petition received a piece of FAPA's glass cleaning cloth as a thank you gift.



Team Ohio with Michael Callesen, Sen. Jon Husted's FAA during 2025 NAC

9/22 Taiwan Agricultural Trade Goodwill Mission in Columbus

I was invited by TECO Chicago's Director General Dennis Yen-Feng Lei to attend a reception held in downtown Columbus to celebrate the signing of the letter of intent to buy 6 billions of Ohio's corn, soybean and wheat in support for Ohio farmers that

underscored the strong and enduring friendship between Taiwan and the Ohio State Legislature. It was a great honor for me to go to the podium to make some remarks during the reception. Both the Ohio Senate and House presented proclamations of appreciation to the mission on this day.



Nancy Ho with Deputy Minister Wen-Jane Tu (杜文珍), Taiwan Ministry of Agriculture, and the Taiwan Agricultural & Trade Goodwill Mission at a reception after the letter of intent to buy 6 billion worth of Ohio farm products was signed.



OH-N Chapter welcomed Taipei City Councilor Miao Poya to Cleveland

OH-N

Janice Liu

Taipei City Councilor Miao Poya in Cleveland

On July 6th, the Ohio North Chapter welcomed Taipei City Councilor Miao Poya to Cleveland as part of the 2025 East Coast Fundraising Speech Tour! Despite coinciding with the end of the July 4th weekend, **we achieved the highest turnout for an OH-N FAPA Chapter event in the past ten years.** There were about forty attendees which includes many young professionals and students. Notably, several Taiwanese individuals who had not previously attended our events joined us.

Everyone was eager to discuss the recent political climate in Taiwan and sought Councilor Miao's insights on the current situation. It was enlightening to hear her articulate and analyze the circumstances in Taiwan, as well as to emphasize the importance of FAPA and our advocacy efforts. At the conclusion of her speech, attendees were eager to ask questions, and the feedback for the event was overwhelmingly positive. We also successfully recruited two new members during the event.

Councilor Miao has visited Cleveland before, as Taipei and Cleveland are sister cities. However, this time, we ensured she had an even better experience learning about the city known as the birthplace of Superman. Chapter President Janice Liu introduced Councilor Miao to Cleveland's history and development, which intrigued her to learn about what can potentially be implemented in Taipei. She also had the opportunity to see the largest outdoor chandelier at Playhouse Square and visit Cleveland City Hall. We hope to cross paths again in the future to further promote Taiwan to Clevelanders.



Team Ohio at 2025 NAC

Online Advocacy Meetings

In August, Najee Woods (OH-S) and Janice Liu (OH-N) conducted two online meetings with Congressional offices, including a meeting with OH District 2 Rep. Dave Taylor's office. As this was Representative Taylor's first year in office, it marked our first interaction with his team. We had a delightful conversation with his aide, providing information about FAPA and the bills we are interested in. Additionally, we shared insights about the ties between Taiwan and Ohio, highlighting how the Taiwan Caucus was founded by two Ohioans, Senator Sherrod Brown and Congressman Steve Chabot. The aide was excited to learn about the information and looked forward to meeting us on Capitol Hill in September. This served as a great practice run for us before attending the NAC.



Online Advocacy meeting with Rep. Dave Taylor's aide

National Advocacy Conference (NAC)

The OH-N Chapter (Janice Liu and Levent Baykut) joined forces with the OH-C and OH-S chapters as Team Ohio for this year's NAC advocacy day. It was wonderful to meet new participants at the NAC and to have a dedicated Team Ohio to visit congressional offices. During our limited time on Monday (September 15th), we managed to visit a total of **nine offices**,



Visiting Rep. David P. Joyce's office during NAC

including two senators' offices and seven representatives' offices. In between meetings, we also dropped off handouts at eight additional offices and inquired about potential contacts for future online meetings.

This year posed challenges in securing meetings, as several representatives and both of our senators are new to their positions. We also experienced considerable turnover among the aides we had previously engaged with, as many moved on to other roles. However, at the end, through our collective efforts, we still managed to secure nine meetings. The meeting with the aides were very positive experience overall. They were generally supportive of our bills, and we look forward to building further relationships with them. We are also hopeful to recruit new members of Congress to join the Taiwan Caucus.

Promoting FAPA at TAA Fall Gathering

On September 27th, the TAA of Greater Cleveland Chapter hosted a fall gathering at the Ohio Canalway Center, welcoming approximately 70 attendees. The event served as a warm welcome for new students and a joyful celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival. As part of the program, Janice Liu introduced FAPA to new students and TAA members, highlighting various activities that FAPA has promoted in the Cleveland area. As part of the introduction, Levent Baykut also shared his experiences participating for the first time in the NAC. Levent reflected on the significance of actively supporting Taiwan and emphasized his belief that it is in the U.S.' best interest to support Taiwan. He was encouraged to see that issues concerning Taiwan receive bipartisan support and expressed enthusiasm for future advocacy efforts.

The event concluded on a high note with the recruitment of a new student member. We are excited to welcome new energy and look forward to further expanding our chapter!



Meeting with District 1 Rep. Landsman's office



Introducing FAPA at TAA Fall Gathering



From left: Angela, Schiller, Adams and Su-min; (from right) Peter and Pearl at a Double Tenth Day event in Austin, Texas

Special thanks to Pearl, Cathy, and Timothy for their collaborative efforts in creating the informative flyer for attendees to take home.

On August 29, Timothy and Angela met with TX-C's newest member, Ellie Lin, for a warm welcome and collaborative discussion. Together, we explored the legislative priorities set by FAPA HQ and exchanged insights from our national advocacy efforts. A heartfelt thank you to TX-N for mentoring Ellie and guiding her through NAC!

September

On September 16, a cultural delegation celebrating Double Tenth National Day made its only Texas stop in Austin. Collaborating with other Taiwanese organizations, **our members Su-min Ruliffson and Schiller Liao successfully applied for a proclamation from Texas Secretary of State Jane Nelson**. In her proclamation, Secretary Nelson recognized Taiwan's vibrant democracy, robust economy, and enduring partnership with Texas. Beau Hanley, Executive Liaison for Texas Secretary State's Office read the proclamation aloud, setting the stage for a breathtaking performance by the Taiwan Acrobatic Troupe. Their artistry captivated the audience and showcased Taiwan's rich cultural heritage and creativity. Through the State of Texas Taiwan Office, Taiwan and Texas continue to foster innovation, opportunity, and economic growth in the 21st century. We are proud to see Taiwan's cultural influence acknowledged through the power of its soft diplomacy.



Pearl Wu, Beau Hanley from Texas Secretary State's Office , Su-min Ruliffson at *Taiwan: Visions of the Future Performance*



Right: Taiwan Advocacy in August's Northwest Austin Republican Women Club Meet-up; **(left to right):** Cathy Cocco, Susan Chen, Lily and Timothy Bradberry, Pearl Wu, Sue Lin, and Tina Liu

TX-C

Angela Yarbrough

July

On July 12th, Su-min and Bob Ruliffson, Tim and Lily Bradberry, and I attended the West Coast Speech Tour event in Houston, Texas, featuring Taipei City Councilor Sabrina Lim (林亮君) as the keynote speaker. The event was hosted by the TX-S Chapter, where Chapter President Ronald Hong, former CP and Standing Committee Member Kevin Chou, and At-large Board Member Barry Li warmly welcomed us and introduced us to many key members of their team. We were truly impressed by TX-S's meticulous planning and execution. Their dedication to making this fundraising event a success was both evident and inspiring.

During the Q&A session, our chapter posed a question to Councilor Lim, recognizing her academic background in Laws and about Taiwan Travel Act: *"Since last year, U.N. Resolution 2758 (1971) has been revisited by many nations, including the U.S., with politicians advocating for recognition of Taiwan's sovereignty and the right of its people to determine their own future. How do Taiwanese people envision a path forward, given the challenges posed by China? Some options for consideration include: (1) holding a national referendum on independence, (2) amending the constitution, or (3) seeking support from the U.S. or its allies to assist in achieving independence—whatever form that support may take."*

Councilor Lim responded by **emphasizing the importance of international recognition of the name "Taiwan" as a sovereign entity distinct from China.** She expressed her support for independence but noted that **with diverse opinions across the island, building consensus—both domestically and internationally—around Taiwan's identity is a crucial first step.** Other strategies for determining Taiwan's future can be explored once this foundational recognition is achieved.

What do you think the people of Taiwan should do?

In mid-July, with heartfelt compassion, our member Sue Lin shared with TX-C a donation site set up by ATA in Dallas to support relief efforts for the July 4th flooding in Kerrville, Texas. Sue wrote to our group:

“這次德州的水災，發生在我們雙子城之一的聖安東尼奧 (San Antonio) 外圍的小鎮，距離我們所在的奧斯汀



Su-min, Angela, Taipei City Councilor Sebrina Lim, Timothy, Lily, and Bob at West Coast Speech Tour in Houston, Texas

(Austin) 約兩到三小時車程。

Quadalupe 河水氾濫成災，洪水來勢洶洶，真讓人感嘆「水火無情」，災況歷歷在目，令人心痛。

我們為這次受災的居民誠心代禱，願他們早日重建家園、恢復生活。也在思考是否有具體的方式能伸出援手——捐贈衣物、奉獻金錢、或透過慈善機構提供實際支援。

若你知道有可靠的管道，也歡迎一起響應，讓愛與關懷在苦難中發光。”

August

On August 6, a delegation from TX-C attended a local meet-up hosted by the Northwest Austin Republican Women's Club. During the event, former TX-C President Pearl Wu delivered a brief speech highlighting the United Nations' failure to uphold its mission by disregarding Taiwan's existence. **She advocated for continued U.S. support for Taiwan's participation in U.N. bodies, emphasizing Taiwan's commitment to democratic values, government transparency, human rights, and the rule of law.** To complement Pearl's remarks, attendees received a one-page flyer titled *"Taiwan and the United Nations."* The flyer outlined Taiwan's history with the U.N., the obstacles it faces in gaining membership, and the reasons why Taiwan deserves a place in the organization. It also included a QR code linking to the talk *"Taiwan Legal: What Does the United Nations Say About Taiwan?"* moderated by Katherine Walhelm, Executive Director of the US-Asia Law Institute.

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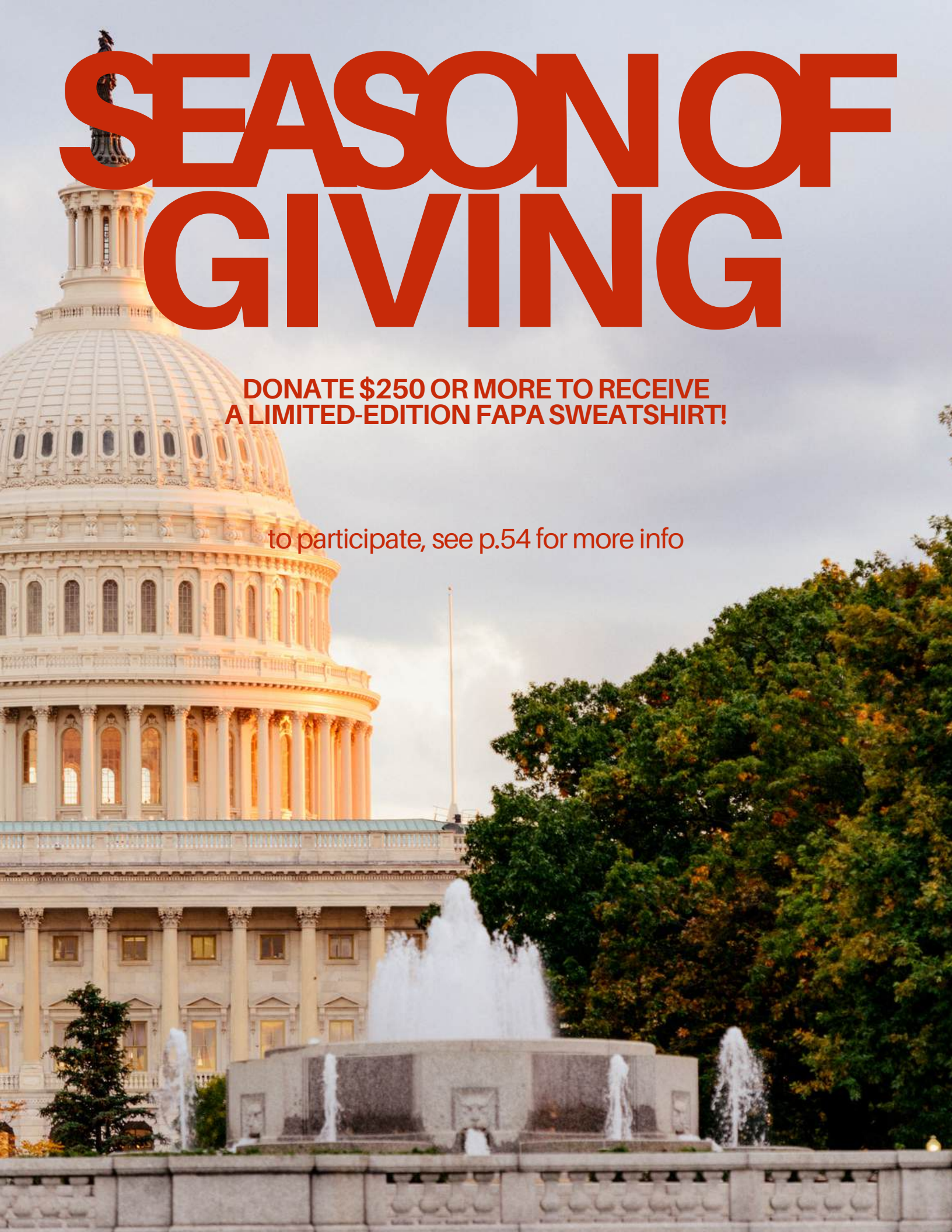
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