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Unanimous Senate Passage of PORCUPINE Act to Bolster Taiwan’s Deterrence; FAPA Urges Swift House Action

The Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) commends the U.S. Senate for passing the PORCUPINE Act (S.1744) by unanimous consent on December 11, 2025. This decisive, bipartisan action demonstrates the Senate’s unequivocal support for Taiwan and removes critical bureaucratic hurdles to arming Taiwan, ensuring Taiwan maintains the capabilities necessary to deter invasion by the People’s Republic of China.

FAPA National President Dr. Su-Mei Kao stated, “We commend Senators Pete Ricketts and Chris Coons for their leadership in recognizing that credible deterrence is the surest path to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific. The Senate’s unanimous passage of the PORCUPINE Act sends an unmistakable message to Beijing: the U.S. Congress is united in its resolve to stand with Taiwan.”

The Providing Our Regional Companions Upgraded Protection in Nefarious Environments Act, or PORCUPINE Act, introduced by Senate Foreign Relations East Asia Subcommittee Chairman Pete Ricketts (R-NE) and Ranking Member Chris Coons (D-DE), would expedite the delivery of U.S. arms to Taiwan by designating it as a “NATO Plus” partner under the Arms Export Control Act — the same status given to Japan, South Korea, Israel, Australia, and New Zealand. The bill also establishes a mechanism to facilitate third-party transfers of U.S.-made defense articles from NATO and NATO-Plus countries to Taiwan, broadening the coalition of support available for Taipei.

FAPA has advocated for this “NATO Plus” designation to address the backlog of arms sales and modernize the U.S.–Taiwan security partnership. Dr. Kao emphasized, “Since the beginning of this year, FAPA has worked closely with the office of the bill’s lead sponsor, Sen. Ricketts, to advance the PORCUPINE Act. With this bill as one of our top legislative priorities, we mobilized our National Advocacy Conference in September, where 112 members from 24 chapters across 16 states met with more than 130 congressional offices on Capitol Hill to advocate for Taiwan.”

Dr. Kao added, “Shortly before the bill advanced through the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in October, FAPA sustained its advocacy efforts and mobilized a nationwide grassroots campaign, which has engaged more than 900 supporters and generated over 1,800 letters to the Senate in support of this legislation.”

Now that the Senate has taken this decisive action, FAPA will carry this momentum forward in the House to ensure the PORCUPINE Act becomes law.

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