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FAPA Mobilizes Nationwide Grassroots Support as NDAA Advances Taiwan Priorities

The Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) welcomes Congress’s final passage of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) on December 17, which includes multiple key provisions long championed by FAPA and the Taiwanese American community.

The bill authorizes a historic \$1 billion for the Taiwan Security Cooperation Initiative (TSCI) and directs the Pentagon to collaborate with Taiwan on a joint program for uncrewed and counter-uncrewed systems, while also allowing U.S. forces to continue training with Taiwan and regional partners to counter Beijing’s malign influence operations. It also includes the Taiwan Non-Discrimination Act, which supports Taiwan’s bid to join the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and calls for expanded U.S.–Taiwan Coast Guard training and the deployment of U.S. personnel to Taiwan to strengthen maritime security, law enforcement, and deterrence.

“This year’s NDAA sends a clear signal: Taiwan matters to U.S. national security,” said FAPA National President Dr. Su-Mei Kao. **“The robust pro-Taiwan measures in the 2026 NDAA align with FAPA’s longstanding calls for more substantive and multi-faceted U.S.–Taiwan cooperation.** FAPA has urged Congress to strengthen the Taiwan Security Cooperation Initiative, counter China’s gray-zone incursions through expanded U.S.–Taiwan Coast Guard cooperation, address delayed arms-delivery timelines, and accelerate collaboration on emerging technologies such as drone development. **We urge the administration to implement these measures swiftly and decisively, in line with the urgency of the evolving regional security environment.**”

“Furthermore, the defense package also includes one of FAPA’s key priorities this year—the **Taiwan Non-Discrimination Act**—which supports Taiwan’s entry into the IMF,” Dr. Kao added. **“The bill’s passage symbolizes Congress’s recognition that Taiwan’s international participation is just as essential to U.S. defense strategy in the Indo-Pacific.”**

“FAPA also acknowledges the critical role played by the thousands of Taiwanese Americans who joined our nationwide petition and letter-writing campaign to underscore China’s continued coercion of Taiwan and its international partners. **These congressional gains would not have been possible without the constituents who showed up, wrote letters, met with their representatives, and made clear why Taiwan matters and what is at stake,**” Dr. Kao emphasized. “Our grassroots advocacy—powered by thousands of voices—continues to inspire and remains one of the most potent instruments for bolstering U.S.–Taiwan relations.”

FAPA reaffirms its commitment to mobilizing the Taiwanese American community and will continue to push for the full implementation of the NDAA’s pro-Taiwan provisions.

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