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## **Congressman French Hill’s Office and FAPA Co-Host Dialogue on U.S.–Taiwan Space Partnership Amid Growing Momentum for the TASA Act**

On March 26, 2026, the Formosan Association of Public Affairs (FAPA) co-hosted a roundtable discussion with the Office of Rep. French Hill (R-AR) on U.S.–Taiwan space cooperation, with invited guest Taiwan Space Agency (TASA) Director General Dr. Jong-Shinn Wu (吳宗信). Congressman Hill is the lead sponsor of the Taiwan and American Space Assistance (TASA) Act (H.R.5626).

The roundtable, moderated by FAPA Executive Director Chiao-Yun Hsiao, provided Members of Congress and their staff with a direct opportunity to engage with TASA leadership to discuss bilateral strategic interests.

FAPA National President Dr. Su-Mei Kao (林素梅) stated in her opening remarks: “Taiwan’s space capabilities are intrinsically linked to its national resilience. Particularly in a potential scenario where Beijing imposes a blockade of Taiwan and undersea cables are compromised, satellite systems would serve as a critical backup to sustain communications while providing vital situational awareness and early warning capabilities. This makes U.S.–Taiwan cooperation in space both geopolitically strategic and operationally practical.”

“Taiwan contributes key strengths in advanced manufacturing, semiconductors, and secure, ‘non-red’ supply chains. These capabilities are essential not only for Taiwan, but also for the resilience of the broader U.S. space and satellite ecosystem,” Dr. Kao added.

### ***U.S.–Taiwan Space Cooperation***

Rep. Hill and TASA Director General Dr. Wu discussed key areas of U.S.–Taiwan space cooperation, including scientific research, space supply chain resilience, and the broader economic and geopolitical implications of this collaboration.

As Taiwan accelerates its space program — expanding domestic low Earth orbit (LEO) satellite capabilities and advancing next-generation network development — the TASA Act serves as a critical vehicle for strengthening the bilateral partnership and reinforcing the U.S. commitment to its allies in the Indo-Pacific.



### *TASA Act Advances in Both House and Senate*

Led by Reps. French Hill and Gabe Amo (D-RI), the TASA Act **successfully passed the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology in early February** as an amendment to the NASA Reauthorization Act of 2026 (H.R.7273).

The Senate version of the TASA Act (S.3979), introduced by Sens. Eric Schmitt (R-MO), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), and Michael Bennet (D-CO), **advanced through the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation in early March**, sending the measure to the Senate floor.

**The legislation seeks to expand cooperation between TASA, NASA, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**, bolstering U.S.–Taiwan collaboration in satellite development, space exploration, and atmospheric and weather research. Notably, **the bill authorizes the voluntary exchange of personnel between the respective agencies**, establishing a formal talent pipeline. The TASA Act continues to receive strong bipartisan support in both chambers.

FAPA President Dr. Kao urges Members of Congress to pass the TASA Act this year, emphasizing that “as the global space economy continues to grow rapidly, **it creates new opportunities for innovation and partnership. The United States and Taiwan have a strong foundation for deeper cooperation in this domain based on shared values and strategic interests.**”

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