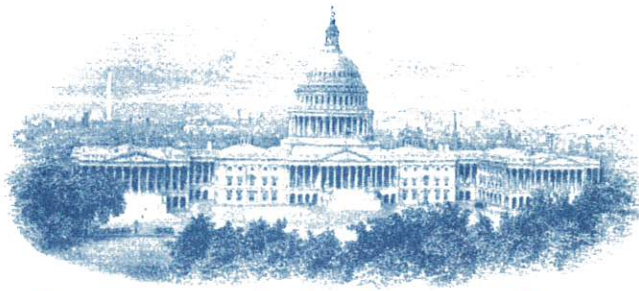


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Dear President Chen:

I want to wish you a Happy Lunar New Year. I believe our great friendship is a product of our many meetings over the years, including the time you came to Capitol Hill as Taipei's mayor, my visits to you in the presidential palace, and our lively discussion over Facetime last May.

As you know, the U.S. Congress has recently taken major steps to improve relations between our two countries. On May 16, 2016, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed important legislation, which I authored, titled "Reaffirming the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances as the Cornerstone of United States-Taiwan Relations." This resolution was groundbreaking since its passage marked the first time that President Reagan's Six Assurances were discussed on the floor of the House. The resolution subsequently passed the Senate as well.

I introduced this resolution because I strongly believe that U.S.-Taiwan relations must be based on the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act and the 1982 Six Assurances, and not on the misguided Three Communiques which contain the disastrous U.S. One China Policy. It is long past time that we move forward from this mistaken position which neither serves the interests of our countries nor gives Taiwan the respect it deserves.

Last year, I also introduced the Taiwan Travel Act. It seeks to eliminate all restrictions on official visits to the United States by senior government officials from Taiwan and declares that "the United States Government should encourage visits between the United States and Taiwan at all levels." I believe that self-imposed restrictions are an insult to the people of Taiwan and that we should not let the Chinese dictate who can and cannot come to Washington, D.C.

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The binding legislation passed the House with overwhelming, bipartisan support on January 9, 2018. I will do what I can to make sure that it passes the Senate as well, so that it can go to the President for his signature and be enacted into law.

I look forward to further discussing U.S.-Taiwan relations with you the next time I am in Taiwan, or – better yet – I am hoping you will be able to come to Washington, D.C. sooner rather than later. And when you are in the United States, I also hope you will have a chance to receive further medical treatment.

Please know that my office is always open to you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Chabot". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Steve Chabot
Member of Congress

cc. Dr. Tsai Ing-wen, President of Taiwan
Dr. Joseph Wu, Secretary-General to the President