Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear President Trump,

As you prepare to meet with President Xi Jinping at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in Shenzhen, China, this week, we ask that you reassert the United States' commitment to Taiwan's security, stability, and self-defense, and we urge you to release the over $15 billion in security assistance, Foreign Military Financing (FMF), and Foreign Military Sales (FMS) that has been appropriated or approved by Congress for Taiwan as soon as possible.

The United States' longstanding policy towards Taiwan is guided by the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances provided by the United States to Taiwan in 1982 (the Six Assurances). The Taiwan Relations Act makes it clear that the objective of the United States is to maintain peace, security, and stability in the Western Pacific and states that it is United States policy to provide defense articles and services to help Taiwan resist any forms of coercion that jeopardize its social or economic systems. The United States also provided Six Assurances to Taiwan, including the assurance that we did not agree to set a date for ending arms sales to Taiwan during negotiations with the People's Republic of China, to consult with the People's Republic of China on arms sales to Taiwan, or to take any position regarding the issue of sovereignty over Taiwan.

Your Administration's policies seem to support Taiwan. Your 2025 National Security Strategy states that "deterring a conflict over Taiwan, ideally by preserving military overmatch, is a priority" and that "a favorable conventional military balance remains an essential component of strategic competition." And you informally notified Congress of a $14 billion FMS package earlier this year, the largest ever weapons package to Taiwan. In addition, since the beginning of your Administration, Congress has appropriated – and you have signed into law - $1.3 billion for defensive and security assistance for Taiwan, including $1 billion for the Taiwan Security Cooperation Initiative and $300 million for FMF.

Unfortunately, none of the funds appropriated by Congress have been obligated by the Administration, nor has Congress received the formal notification of the $14 billion package. When asked about the $14 billion FMS package you said "I may do it, I may not do it… I'm holding that in abeyance, and it depends on China… it's a, it's a very good negotiating chip for us, frankly."[1] Using key defensive articles for Taiwan as a bargaining chip for negotiations with Chinese Communist Party leadership runs counter to United States policy. And the failure to

[1] May 15, 2026, interview with Fox News correspondent Bret Baier

provide Taiwan with promised security and defensive assistance shifts the conventional military balance squarely in the Chinese Communist Party's favor.

Our commitment to supporting Taiwan's security helps to promote the political, security, and economic interests of the United States. The continued delay of funding and defense packages to Taiwan jeopardizes these interests. As such, we urge you to maintain our commitment to Taiwan during conversations with President Xi, obligate the funds approved by Congress for Foreign Military Financing and the Taiwan Security Cooperation, and submit the $14 billion package of Foreign Military Sales for formal Congressional approval as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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