

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2002

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## AN ACT

To foster security in Taiwan, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2   *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Taiwan Assurance Act  
3 of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5       Congress makes the following findings:

6           (1) April 10, 2019, marks the 40th anniversary  
7 of the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (Public Law  
8 96–8).

9           (2) Since 1949, the close relationship between  
10 the United States and Taiwan has benefitted both  
11 parties and the broader Indo-Pacific region.

12           (3) The security of Taiwan and its democracy  
13 are key elements of continued peace and stability of  
14 the greater Indo-Pacific region, which is in the polit-  
15 ical, security, and economic interests of the United  
16 States.

17           (4) The People’s Republic of China is currently  
18 engaged in a comprehensive military modernization  
19 campaign to enhance the power-projection capabili-  
20 ties of the People’s Liberation Army and its ability  
21 to conduct joint operations, which is shifting the  
22 military balance of power across the Taiwan Strait.

23           (5) Taiwan and its diplomatic partners continue  
24 to face sustained pressure and coercion from the  
25 People’s Republic of China, which seeks to isolate  
26 Taiwan from the international community.

1           (6) It is the policy of the United States to rein-  
2           force its commitments to Taiwan under the Taiwan  
3           Relations Act in a manner consistent with the “Six  
4           Assurances” and in accordance with the United  
5           States “One China” policy.

6           (7) In the Taiwan Travel Act, which became  
7           law on March 16, 2018, Congress observed that the  
8           “self-imposed restrictions that the United States  
9           maintains on high-level visits” between the United  
10          States and Taiwan have resulted in insufficient  
11          high-level communication.

12 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

13          It is the sense of Congress that—

14               (1) Taiwan is a vital part of the United States  
15          Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy;

16               (2) the United States Government—

17                       (A) supports Taiwan’s continued pursuit of  
18                       asymmetric capabilities and concepts; and

19                       (B) urges Taiwan to increase its defense  
20                       spending in order to fully resource its defense  
21                       strategy; and

22               (3) the United States should conduct regular  
23          sales and transfers of defense articles to Taiwan in  
24          order to enhance its self-defense capabilities, par-  
25          ticularly its efforts to develop and integrate asym-

1 metric capabilities, including undersea warfare and  
2 air defense capabilities, into its military forces.

3 **SEC. 4. TAIWAN'S INCLUSION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANI-**  
4 **ZATIONS.**

5 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
6 gress that the People's Republic of China's attempts to  
7 dictate the terms of Taiwan's participation in inter-  
8 national organizations, has, in many cases, resulted in  
9 Taiwan's exclusion from such organizations even when  
10 statehood is not a requirement, and that such exclusion—

11 (1) is detrimental to global health, civilian air  
12 safety, and efforts to counter transnational crime;

13 (2) negatively impacts the safety and security  
14 of citizens globally; and

15 (3) negatively impacts the security of Taiwan  
16 and its democracy.

17 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the  
18 United States to advocate for Taiwan's meaningful par-  
19 ticipation in the United Nations, the World Health Assem-  
20 bly, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the  
21 International Criminal Police Organization, and other  
22 international bodies, as appropriate, and to advocate for  
23 Taiwan's membership in the Food and Agriculture Orga-  
24 nization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and  
25 Cultural Organization, and other international organiza-

1 tions for which statehood is not a requirement for mem-  
2 bership.

3 **SEC. 5. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE TAIWAN**  
4 **GUIDELINES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State  
7 shall conduct a review of the Department of State’s guid-  
8 ance that governs relations with Taiwan, including the  
9 periodic memorandum entitled “Guidelines on Relations  
10 with Taiwan” and related documents, and reissue such  
11 guidance to executive branch departments and agencies.

12 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
13 gress that the Department of State’s guidance regarding  
14 relations with Taiwan—

15 (1) should be crafted with the intent to deepen  
16 and expand United States-Taiwan relations, and be  
17 based on the value, merits, and importance of the  
18 United States-Taiwan relationship;

19 (2) should be crafted giving due consideration  
20 to the fact that Taiwan is governed by a representa-  
21 tive democratic government that is peacefully con-  
22 stituted through free and fair elections that reflect  
23 the will of the people of Taiwan, and that Taiwan  
24 is a free and open society that respects universal  
25 human rights and democratic values; and

1           (3) should ensure that the conduct of relations  
2       with Taiwan reflects the longstanding, comprehen-  
3       sive, and values-based relationship the United States  
4       shares with Taiwan, and contribute to the peaceful  
5       resolution of cross-Strait issues.

6       (c) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than  
7       180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
8       Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee on For-  
9       eign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on For-  
10      eign Affairs of the House of Representatives a report that  
11      includes a description of—

12           (1) the results of the review pursuant to sub-  
13      section (a) of the Department of State’s guidance on  
14      relations with Taiwan, including a copy of the re-  
15      issued “Guidelines of Relations with Taiwan” memo-  
16      randum; and

17           (2) the implementation of the Taiwan Travel  
18      Act (Public Law 115–135) and any changes to guid-  
19      ance on relations with Taiwan that are the result of  
20      such implementation.

Passed the House of Representatives May 7, 2019.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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