Recognize Reality: Recognize Taiwan





Dear Colleague,

Since the U.S. shifted official diplomatic recognition from Taiwan to communist China in 1979, Taiwan has developed into a regional economic powerhouse and a flourishing, pluralistic, multi-party democracy. Yet despite the U.S. decision to sever official ties between our two countries some twenty-five years ago, Taiwan remains a staunch and reliable ally of the United States.

We plan to introduce the attached resolution this week expressing the sense of Congress that the U.S. should resume official diplomatic relations with the Republic of China on Taiwan. The resolution would scrap our flawed and intellectually dishonest "One China" policy in favor of a more realistic "One China, One Taiwan" policy. Adopting this policy will help stabilize the situation between Taiwan and China, and help make a peaceful resolution of the decades-old cross-straits stalemate more likely.

By resuming normal relations with Taiwan, the U.S. can help to place both China and Taiwan on an equal footing, allowing for meaningful dialogue between the two sides. Such communication is critical if the two sides are to resolve their differences peacefully. By recognizing both China and Taiwan (they way we recognized both East and West Germany) and junking our diplomatic approach in favor of a new one we can both enhance security in the region and facilitate a peaceful reconciliation between the two nations.

Please contact Mac Zimmerman in Rep. Tancredo's office at x.57882 to become an original cosponsor, or for more information.

Sincerely,

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