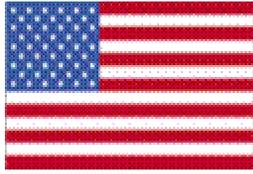


Recognize Reality: Recognize Taiwan



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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 twenty-five years ago, Taiwan remains a staunch and reliable ally of the United States.

By contrast, the communist government in China remains a belligerent, authoritarian regime and a notorious violator of human rights. In the fifteen years that have passed since the massacre in Tiananmen Square, China has done little to improve this abysmal record. The government continues to quash political dissent, to suppress religious freedom, and to block democratic change in Hong Kong. The regime repeatedly threatens the people of Taiwan with force, and has actively attempted to disrupt the conduct of democratic elections on the island.

I recently introduced H. Con. Res. 440; a resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the U.S. should resume official diplomatic relations with the Republic of China on Taiwan, and the common determination of our two nations to maintain safety and security in the West Pacific region. The resolution also calls for Taiwan's full participation in United Nations and other international organizations.

The United States continues to maintain official diplomatic ties with the unelected government on the Chinese mainland. At the very least, we ought to extend that same courtesy to the democratically elected government of Taiwan.

Please contact Mac Zimmerman at x.57882 to become a cosponsor, or for more information.

Sincerely,

Tom Tancredo
Member of Congress