

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2002
OFFERED BY MR. MCCAUL OF TEXAS**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

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

1 campaign to enhance the power-projection capabilities
2 ties of the People’s Liberation Army and its ability
3 to conduct joint operations, which is shifting the
4 military balance of power across the Taiwan Strait.

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

9 (6) It is the policy of the United States to rein-
10 force its commitments to Taiwan under the Taiwan
11 Relations Act in a manner consistent with the “Six
12 Assurances” and in accordance with the United
13 States’ “One China” policy.

14 (7) In the Taiwan Travel Act, which became
15 law on March 16, 2018, Congress observed that the
16 “self-imposed restrictions that the United States
17 maintains on high-level visits” between the United
18 States and Taiwan have resulted in insufficient
19 high-level communication.

20 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

21 It is the sense of Congress that—

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

24 (2) the United States Government—

1 (A) supports Taiwan's continued pursuit of
2 asymmetric capabilities and concepts; and

3 (B) urges Taiwan to increase its defense
4 spending in order to fully resource its defense
5 strategy; and

6 (3) the United States should conduct regular
7 sales and transfers of defense articles to Taiwan in
8 order to enhance its self-defense capabilities, par-
9 ticularly its efforts to develop and integrate asym-
10 metric capabilities, including undersea warfare and
11 air defense capabilities, into its military forces.

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

14 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
15 gress that the People's Republic of China's attempts to
16 dictate the terms of Taiwan's participation in inter-
17 national organizations, has, in many cases, resulted in
18 Taiwan's exclusion from such organizations even when
19 statehood is not a requirement, and that such exclusion—

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

22 (2) negatively impacts the safety and security
23 of citizens globally; and

24 (3) negatively impacts the security of Taiwan
25 and its democracy.

1 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
2 United States to advocate for Taiwan’s meaningful par-
3 ticipation in the United Nations, the World Health Assem-
4 bly, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the
5 International Criminal Police Organization, and other
6 international bodies, as appropriate, and to advocate for
7 Taiwan’s membership in the Food and Agriculture Orga-
8 nization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and
9 Cultural Organization, and other international organiza-
10 tions for which statehood is not a requirement for mem-
11 bership.

12 **SEC. 5. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE TAIWAN**
13 **GUIDELINES.**

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

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

24 (1) should be crafted with the intent to deepen
25 and expand United States-Taiwan relations, and be

1 based on the value, merits, and importance of the
2 United States-Taiwan relationship;

3 (2) should be crafted giving due consideration
4 to the fact that Taiwan is governed by a representa-
5 tive democratic government that is peacefully con-
6 stituted through free and fair elections that reflect
7 the will of the people of Taiwan, and that Taiwan
8 is a free and open society that respects universal
9 human rights and democratic values; and

10 (3) should ensure that the conduct of relations
11 with Taiwan reflects the longstanding, comprehen-
12 sive, and values-based relationship the United States
13 shares with Taiwan, and contribute to the peaceful
14 resolution of cross-Strait issues.

15 (c) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than
16 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
17 Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee on For-
18 eign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on For-
19 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives a report that
20 includes a description of—

21 (1) the results of the review pursuant to sub-
22 section (a) of the Department of State’s guidance on
23 relations with Taiwan, including a copy of the re-
24 issued “Guidelines of Relations with Taiwan” memo-
25 randum; and

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

