

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 4754  
OFFERED BY MR. CURTIS OF UTAH**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Taiwan Allies Inter-  
3 national Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI)  
4 Act of 2019”.

**5 SEC. 2. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN.**

6       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
7 ings:

8           (1) The Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (Public  
9 Law 96–8) states that it is the policy of the United  
10 States “to preserve and promote extensive, close,  
11 and friendly commercial, cultural, and other rela-  
12 tions between the people of the United States and  
13 the people on Taiwan”.

14           (2) The Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 states  
15 that it is the policy of the United States “to main-  
16 tain the capacity of the United States to resist any  
17 resort to force or other forms of coercion that would

1       jeopardize the security, or the social or economic  
2       system, of the people on Taiwan”.

3           (3) Taiwan is a free, democratic, and pros-  
4       perous nation of 23,000,000 people and an impor-  
5       tant contributor to peace and stability around the  
6       world.

7           (4) Since the election of President Tsai Ing-wen  
8       as President of Taiwan in 2016, the Government of  
9       the People’s Republic of China has intensified its ef-  
10      forts to pressure Taiwan.

11          (5) Since 2016, the Gambia, Sao Tome and  
12      Principe, Panama, the Dominican Republic, Burkina  
13      Faso, El Salvador, the Solomon Islands, and  
14      Kiribati have severed diplomatic relations with Tai-  
15      wan in favor of diplomatic relations with China.

16          (6) Taiwan currently maintains full diplomatic  
17      relations with 15 nations around the world.

18          (7) Taiwan’s unique relationship with the  
19      United States, Australia, India, Japan, and other  
20      countries are of significant benefit in strengthening  
21      Taiwan’s economy and preserving its international  
22      space.

23          (8) According to President Tsai Ing-wen, the  
24      severance of diplomatic ties with Taiwan in favor of  
25      diplomatic relations with China is “part of a series

1 of diplomatic and military acts of coercion” by  
2 China.

3 (9) The Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of  
4 2018 (Public Law 115–409) states that—

5 (A) it is United States policy “to support  
6 the close economic, political, and security rela-  
7 tionship between Taiwan and the United  
8 States”; and

9 (B) the President should—

10 (i) “conduct regular transfers of de-  
11 fense articles to Taiwan that are tailored  
12 to meet the existing and likely future  
13 threats from the People’s Republic of  
14 China, including supporting the efforts of  
15 Taiwan to develop and integrate asym-  
16 metric capabilities, as appropriate, includ-  
17 ing mobile, survivable, and cost-effective  
18 capabilities, into its military forces”; and

19 (ii) “encourage the travel of high-level  
20 United States officials to Taiwan, in ac-  
21 cordance with the Taiwan Travel Act”.

22 **SEC. 3. STRENGTHENING OF TIES WITH TAIWAN.**

23 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
24 gress that the United States Government should—

1           (1) support Taiwan in strengthening its official  
2 diplomatic relationships as well as other partner-  
3 ships with countries in the Indo-Pacific region and  
4 around the world;

5           (2) consider, in certain cases as appropriate  
6 and in alignment with United States interests, in-  
7 creasing its economic, security, and diplomatic en-  
8 gagement with nations that have demonstrably  
9 strengthened, enhanced, or upgraded relations with  
10 Taiwan; and

11           (3) consider, in certain cases as appropriate, in  
12 alignment with United States foreign policy interests  
13 and in consultation with Congress, altering its eco-  
14 nomic, security, and diplomatic engagement with na-  
15 tions that take serious or significant actions to un-  
16 dermine the security or prosperity of Taiwan.

17           (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
18 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for  
19 five years, the Secretary of State shall report to the appro-  
20 priate congressional committees on the steps taken in ac-  
21 cordance with subsection (a).

22 **SEC. 4. POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES WITH REGARD TO**  
23 **TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN INTER-**  
24 **NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

25           It should be the policy of the United States—

1 (1) to advocate, as appropriate—

2 (A) for Taiwan’s membership in all inter-  
3 national organizations in which statehood is not  
4 a requirement and in which the United States  
5 is also a participant; and

6 (B) for Taiwan to be granted observer sta-  
7 tus in other appropriate international organiza-  
8 tions;

9 (2) to instruct, as appropriate, representatives  
10 of the United States Government in all organizations  
11 described in paragraph (1) to use the voice, vote,  
12 and influence of the United States to advocate for  
13 Taiwan’s membership or observer status in such or-  
14 ganizations; and

15 (3) for the President or the President’s des-  
16 ignees to advocate, as appropriate, for Taiwan’s  
17 membership or observer status in all organizations  
18 described in paragraph (1) as part of any relevant  
19 bilateral engagements between the United States  
20 and the People’s Republic of China, including leader  
21 summits and the U.S.-China Comprehensive Eco-  
22 nomic Dialogue.

1 **SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON TRADE NEGOTIATIONS**  
2 **WITH TAIWAN.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that the United States  
4 should engage in bilateral trade negotiations with Taiwan,  
5 with the goal of entering into a free trade agreement that  
6 is of mutual economic benefit and that protects United  
7 States workers and benefits United States exporters.

8 **SEC. 6. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**  
9 **FINED.**

10 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-  
11 mittees” means—

- 12 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and  
13 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and  
14 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the  
15 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-  
16 resentatives.

