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To express United States support for Taiwan’s diplomatic alliances around the world.

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Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. MENENDEZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Taiwan Allies Inter-
5 national Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI)
6 Act of 2018”.

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

8 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
9 ings:

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

7 (2) The Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 states
8 that it is the policy of the United States “to main-
9 tain the capacity of the United States to resist any
10 resort to force or other forms of coercion that would
11 jeopardize the security, or the social or economic
12 system, of the people on Taiwan”.

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

17 (4) Since the election of President Tsai Ing-wen
18 as President of Taiwan in 2016, the Government of
19 the People’s Republic of China has intensified its ef-
20 forts to pressure Taiwan.

21 (5) Since 2016, the Gambia, Sao Tome and
22 Principe, Panama, the Dominican Republic, Burkina
23 Faso, and El Salvador have severed diplomatic rela-
24 tions with Taiwan in favor of diplomatic relations
25 with China.

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

3 (7) According to President Tsai Ing-wen, the
4 severance of diplomatic ties is “part of a series of
5 diplomatic and military acts of coercion”.

6 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON UNITED STATES STRATEGY REGARD-**
7 **ING TAIWAN’S INTERNATIONAL RECOGNI-**
8 **TION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days
11 thereafter, the Secretary of State or a designee of the Sec-
12 retary shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
13 mittees a report on actions taken by the United States
14 to reaffirm and strengthen Taiwan’s international alli-
15 ances around the world.

16 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by subsection
17 (a) shall include the following elements:

18 (1) A description of the actions taken by the
19 Secretary of State, or designees of the Secretary, ef-
20 fective May 20, 2016, to consult with governments
21 around the world, including the governments that
22 maintain official diplomatic relations with Taiwan,
23 with the purpose of inducing those governments to
24 maintain official diplomatic relations with Taiwan or

1 otherwise strengthen unofficial relations with Tai-
 2 wan.

3 (2) An enumeration of specific countries of con-
 4 cern, if any, and a description of the actions taken,
 5 or actions anticipated, by those governments, com-
 6 mencing May 20, 2016, to alter the formal diplo-
 7 matic ties with Taiwan or to otherwise downgrade
 8 official or unofficial relations.

9 (3) A plan of action to engage with the govern-
 10 ments of the countries identified in paragraphs (1)
 11 and (2) and increase cooperation with respect to
 12 Taiwan.

13 (c) FORM OF REPORT.—Each report required by sub-
 14 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may
 15 include a classified annex.

16 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION TO CONSIDER MODIFICATION OF**
 17 **UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE**
 18 **WITH NATIONS TAKING ACTIONS TO UNDER-**
 19 **MINE TAIWAN.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State may con-
 21 sider taking such action to modify United States diplo-
 22 matic presence as necessary and appropriate to provide
 23 incentives to countries considering or taking steps to alter
 24 or downgrade official or unofficial ties with Taiwan.

1 (b) ACTIONS INCLUDED.—Actions described in sub-
2 section (a) may include—

3 (1) supplementing or reducing the appropriate
4 diplomatic presence in the United States of coun-
5 tries identified pursuant to section 3 as having
6 taken, or anticipating, actions to alter formal diplo-
7 matic ties with Taiwan or otherwise downgrade rela-
8 tions; and

9 (2) supplementing or reducing the diplomatic
10 presence of the United States in those countries.

11 (c) CONSULTATION.—Not less than 30 days before
12 taking any action under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
13 consult with the appropriate congressional committees
14 with respect to the action.

15 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION TO CONSIDER ADJUSTMENT OF**
16 **UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE TO NATIONS**
17 **TAKING ACTIONS TO UNDERMINE TAIWAN.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State may con-
19 sider the expansion, termination, or reduction of United
20 States foreign assistance to countries identified pursuant
21 to section 3 as having taken, or anticipating, actions to
22 alter or downgrade official or unofficial ties with Taiwan
23 or otherwise downgrade relations.

24 (b) ASSISTANCE INCLUDED.—Assistance for consid-
25 eration under subsection (a) may include—

1 (1) assistance under chapter 4 of part II of the
2 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2346 et
3 seq.; relating to the Economic Support Fund);

4 (2) military assistance provided pursuant to
5 section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act (22
6 U.S.C. 2763; relating to the Foreign Military Fi-
7 nancing Program); and

8 (3) assistance provided under chapter 5 of part
9 II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
10 2347 et seq.; relating to international military edu-
11 cation and training).

12 (c) CONSULTATION.—Not less than 30 days before
13 taking any action under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
14 consult with the appropriate congressional committees
15 with respect to the action, as well as comply with the noti-
16 fication procedures applicable to reprogramming pursuant
17 to section 634A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
18 (22 U.S.C. 2394–1).

19 **SEC. 6. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**
20 **FINED.**

21 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
22 mittees” means—

23 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
24 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

- 1 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
- 2 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
- 3 resentatives.

