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APPLICATION TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON  
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The Honorable George H.W. Bush  
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Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to urge you to support Taiwan's application to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). As our fifth largest trading partner and the thirteenth largest trading entity in the world, Taiwan deserves to be a member of this multi-national body that governs international trade agreements.

Taiwan has made considerable progress in eliminating many of its foreign trade barriers, and was removed this year from the Administration's "priority watch list", established by the 1988 Trade Act. Not only has Taiwan made great strides in eliminating its trade barriers, it has made considerable progress in creating a more democratic society.

Meanwhile, mainland China has been moving in the opposite direction, toward political oppression and away from free market economic principles. By urging GATT to approve Taiwan's admission before that of the PRC, the United States would send a powerful signal to China's leaders and the world that America looks favorably on governments that promote freedom and open markets.

We respectfully urge you to support Taiwan's application to GATT.

Sincerely,

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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The Honorable Chuck Douglas  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Douglas:

This is in further response to your June 12 letter to the President, co-signed by 40 of your colleagues, concerning the application by Taiwan for accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). I share your perspectives on Taiwan's growing commercial importance and the value of its recent trade liberalizing measures, and it is clear that both bilateral and multilateral U.S. trade interests would be served if Taiwan negotiated membership in the GATT. Taiwan's decision on January 1 of this year to submit a formal request for GATT contracting party status presents us with a unique opportunity to bring under GATT discipline one of the last major market-price based trading entities outside the GATT system, and to foster its future development along GATT lines.

Taiwan has taken great care to avoid politicizing its approach to the GATT, particularly in its request to apply only as the Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, rather than under a more politically contentious title. Nevertheless, this request presents political difficulties. The GATT does not require political sovereignty for GATT participation, but the People's Republic of China strongly objects to any consideration of an independent request by Taiwan for membership in this international organization, equating this with political recognition of the Taiwan regime. As a consequence, the GATT Contracting Parties have delayed formal consideration of the request in order to reflect on Taiwan's application and on how it can be addressed in the GATT.

I continue to believe that the eventual accession of Taiwan to the GATT will serve U.S. commercial and trade policy objectives, and will benefit the international trading system as a whole. We will work with other GATT contracting parties to address the problems that face eventual initiation of the GATT review of Taiwan's request, and we seek your continued support for our efforts.

Sincerely,

  
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