The Honorable George H.W. Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500  

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,

Patricia Saiki, M.C.  
Nancy Pelosi, M.C.  
Barney Frank, M.C.  
Newt Gingrich, M.C.
SUPPORT TAIWAN'S APPLICATION TO GATT

Embarrass China's Leaders

Dear Colleague:

Last week, I asked you to sign a letter to President Bush asking him to press for Taiwan's acceptance into the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs over that of mainland China's.

In doing so, our government will be sending a strong signal to China's repressive leaders that we look favorably on governments which promote democracy and open markets, and unfavorably on those which stifle economic and political freedom.

We all know of the PRC's horrendous record on human rights and movement back to a centrally planned economy. Unfortunately, we seem to have overlooked Taiwan's significant progress in the trade field and in the political arena. Pressing for Taiwan's inclusion into the GATT might be one more way of rewarding good behaviour while expressing continued disappointment with the actions of China's oppressive regime.

The deadline for signing this letter is at the close of business on Thursday. If you wish to co-sign this important letter to the President (see reverse), please call Ralph Hellmann or Andrew Leyden on my staff at 5-2726.

Sincerely,

Patricia Saiki
Member of Congress

Early signers:

Nancy Pelosi
Chuck Douglas
Mike Dewine
Herb Bateman
Jim Bunning
Newt Gingrich
Tom Lewis
Steve Schiff
Mel Hancock
Dana Rohrabacher

Barney Frank
Michael McNulty
Frank Horton
Jaime Fuster

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