Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Yu Kuo-hua President of the Executive Yuan Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China

Dear Premier Yu:

As the three members of the United States Congress representing the state of Wyoming, we wish to express our support for the goals expressed in a proposal to sell a Wyoming coal mine to interests in the Republic of China.

While we do not purport to be experts on the proposal, we believe the sale of the Stansbury Coal Mine, near Rock Springs, Wyoming, would benefit both the Republic of China and Wyoming, which is a Sister State of Taiwan. It is a major opportunity to enhance an excellent working relationship between the state of Wyoming and the Republic of China.

The sale to interests in the Republic of China would benefit your country by offering tangible evidence that Taiwan is committed to take all possible steps to ease the economic impact of its large trade surplus with the United States. Assured access to over 100-million tons of high quality Wyoming coal will provide Taiwan with a long lasting, independent source of fossil fuel to meet its increasing energy requirements far into the future.

The sale would benefit Wyoming by creating new jobs and taxable coal production and by helping to create stronger ties between Wyoming's economy and markets for its products overseas. Wyoming has a very serious interest in its valued Sister State relationship with Taiwan.

We hereby express our strong belief that the successful sale of the mine would benefit the state we represent and the Republic of China, if the correct terms can be negotiated. We further express our appreciation for the interest that the Republic of China has demonstrated in Wyoming and the economy of the United States. We understand that the State of Wyoming has expressed its willingness to send a good will delegation to Taipei to discuss this project and other trade matters of mutual interest.

With sincere regards and respect,

Malcolm Wallop

United States Senator

Al Simpson

United States Senator

Dick Cheney

Member of Congress