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TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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The Honorable John Sununu
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Dear John:

Last May I joined with several colleagues on the Foreign Relations Committee in a letter to the President urging U.S. support for Taiwan's membership to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. As no action has been taken on that recommendation, I am writing to reiterate my support for Taiwan's application.

There is a compelling case for Taiwan's membership in GATT. Taiwan is the fifth largest trading partner of the United States and maintains a dominant role in the world economy. Throughout my career in the Senate I have met on numerous occasions with representatives of Taiwan to discuss their political and economic transformation. I am confident that Taiwan has taken sincere and lasting steps to reduce the trade imbalance between our two countries.

Undoubtedly such a move will encounter opposition from the People's Republic of China. However, in view of the PRC's unhelpful position at the United Nations last week, I cannot see why the Administration would hesitate to support Taiwan's application.

John, there is broad bipartisan support for such a move in Congress. I urge you to support it.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Gordon J. Humphrey, USS

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