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Representative Keicher,

I hope this letter will find you well.

We noted that on March 15, the House Resolution 64 was submitted to Illinois State House which was sponsored by you, Representative William Davis and Representative Travis Weaver, reaffirming support for the Taiwan Relations Act, supporting the signing of trade agreements between Taiwan and the United States, and encouraging Taiwan's participation in international organizations, etc.

We strongly oppose to this resolution, as it is a serious violation of the one-China principle and the provisions of the three China-U.S. joint communiqués. The Taiwan question is the most important and most sensitive issue at the very heart of China-U.S. relations. I would like to take this opportunity to brief you on the origins and status quo of Taiwan question, which may help you better understand the significance of this issue.

Taiwan has been an inalienable part of the Chinese territory since ancient times. For a long period of time, despite the political confrontation across the strait, both sides maintain that there is only one China in the world, and

the pursuit of reunification is a shared goal. In other words, China's national sovereignty and territorial integrity have never been divided, and the fact that the mainland and Taiwan belong to one and the same China has never changed. Maintaining the peace and stability of Taiwan Strait, promoting the peaceful development of cross-Strait relations and achieving the peaceful reunification of the motherland are the common aspirations of Chinese sons and daughters across the world, and best serve the fundamental interests of all Chinese people, including Taiwan compatriots. The Chinese government has been making unremitting efforts to this end.

To uphold the one-China principle and respect the efforts of the Chinese people to pursue national reunification is a universal consensus of the international community.

There is but one China in the world, Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory, and the Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China. This has been clearly recognized by United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 of 1971. A total of 181 countries in the world, including the U.S., have established diplomatic ties with China on the basis of the one-China principle.

In the 1972 Shanghai Communiqué, the Joint Communiqué on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the United States of America and the People's Republic of China released in 1978, and the August 17 Joint Communiqué of 1982, the U.S. government made solemn commitments to the Chinese side on adhering to the one-China principle, and explicitly "recognizes the Government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal Government of China" and "acknowledges the Chinese position that there is but one China and Taiwan is part of China. Within this context, the people of the United States will maintain cultural, commercial, and other unofficial relations with the people of Taiwan." It can be seen from the above documents and facts that the one-China principle is the centerpiece of the three Sino-U.S. Joint Communiqués.

Undoubtedly, the resolution you sponsored has seriously violated the one-China commitment, stepped up Illinois's official exchanges with Taiwan, continued to hollow out the one-China principle, sent a serious wrong signal to the Taiwan authorities.

Illinois is a state with most important influence in the midwest region of the United States and has developed close ties with China in trade, culture, education and people-to-people exchanges, bringing tangible benefits to the people of both sides.

It is hoped that Your Representative, Representative William Davis and Representative Travis Weaver might fully understand the sensitivity of Taiwan question, adhere to the one-China principle, and make a right decision on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the Chinese characters '黄黎明' (Huang Liming) in a cursive style.

Huang Liming

Chargé d'Affaires

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