



**GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE OF ILLINOIS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

April 25, 2023

Huang Liming
Chargé d'Affaires
Consulate General of the People's Republic of China of Chicago
100 W. Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60654

Huang Liming,

You will find attached our response to your letter to each of us dated March 28, 2023.

As codified throughout history, the world has witnessed significant demonstrations of support for freedom and democracy with collective recognition that we have a destiny beyond oppression.

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has built a government based on manipulating global rules and standards on economics and trade, violating human rights, and coercing countries around the world through practices including the theft of intellectual property, predatory lending, and military overreach. This is a legacy of subjugation, intimidation, and lack of respect for personal freedoms.

It is with this framing that we recognize the foreign policy and diplomatic positions of the United States of America come from the federal government and include the "One China" policy, recognition of that policy by our Federal Government does not allow your government to assert policy positions over duly elected representatives of our sovereign, democratic institutions, including the Illinois General Assembly.

We would also highlight that House Resolution 64 continues to reaffirm the current and unchanged federal foreign policy of the United States on both the Taiwan Relations Act and the One China policy. It is inappropriate for you to interfere in the actions of a sovereign state within the U.S. In the United States, our system of federalism allows state governments to represent their constituents. Many of our constituents remain extremely concerned about the liberty of the

people of Taiwan and the efforts by the government of the People's Republic of China to unilaterally change the status quo in the Taiwan Strait.

It is for these reasons, and in our opinion as duly and freely elected Representatives in the Illinois General Assembly where our interest lies in representing the concerns of our constituents to the best of our ability, we reject your attempt to assert your policies of dominion over our ability, autonomy, and authority to legislate in the State of Illinois. We stand resolutely aligned with the principles outlined in House Resolution 64.

With all sincerity,

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Republican Conference Chairman
State Representative
70th District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Weaver", with a stylized, flowing script.

State Representative
93rd District