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The Honorable Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

Sherrod Brown is the senior United States Senator from Ohio. Before his election to the U.S. Senate in 2006, he served seven terms in the House of Representatives and was one of the founding co-chairs of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus. Brown is a vociferous supporter of the recognition of an autonomous Taiwan. Earlier this year, Brown co-sponsored a resolution that passed in the Senate, supporting Taiwan's observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Brown also sent a letter to World Health Organization (WHO) protesting "a province of China" memo.

The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL)

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen is the U.S. Representative for Florida since 1989 and a member of the Republican Party. She is chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee since 2011. As a founding member of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, Ros-Lehtinen has been a stalwart defender of Taiwan and a tireless advocate for its democracy. Ros-Lehtinen authored H.R. 2918, the Taiwan Policy Act of 2011, which adopted by the Committee. The bill complements the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) by strengthening the U.S. relationship with Taiwan. She also called two full-committee hearings on "Why Taiwan Matters" this year.

The Honorable Howard L. Berman (D-CA)

Howard Berman is the U.S. Representative for California since 1982 and a member of the Democratic Party. Berman is ranking member and former chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Berman has long been a dominant voice for Taiwan's democracy. He has aggressively defended the Taiwan Relations Act and most recently authored the Berman-Connelly amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act stating that the United States should continue arms sales to Taiwan. Berman co-chaired the hearings on "Why Taiwan Matters," where he reiterated strong support for Taiwan and for bolstering all aspects of the U.S.-Taiwan bilateral ties.

The Honorable Ed Royce (R-CA)

Ed Royce is the U.S. Representative for California since 1993. Royce is a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and an original co-sponsor of the Taiwan Policy Act of 2011. As an active member of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, Royce has long supported a close U.S.-Taiwan partnership, and has long been an advocate for beginning negotiations on a U.S.-Taiwan free trade agreement. He has consistently spoken on the need for the U.S. to honor its commitment to Taiwan through the Taiwan Relations, and that Taiwan should be allowed to participate in international organizations.

Terri Giles, Formosa Foundation

Terri Giles is Executive Director of the Formosa Foundation. She leads and shapes the strategic vision for growth of the organization. Previously she was the State Campaign Director for Senator John Kerry's (D-MA) Presidential bid. A native of Hinton, West Virginia, Terri served twelve years as a senior staff member to United States Senator John D. Rockefeller IV (D-WV) where she focused on economic development and international trade.

Carolyn Bartholomew, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission

Carolyn Bartholomew has served the Commission since 2003, appointed by now House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. Commissioner Bartholomew served as the Commission's Vice Chairman in 2010, 2008 and 2006 and previously served as the Commission's Chairman for the 2007 to 2009. Commissioner Bartholomew has worked at senior levels in the U.S. Congress, serving as Counsel, Legislative Director, and Chief of Staff to former House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. She was a Professional Staff Member on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and also served as a legislative assistant to then-U.S. Representative Bill Richardson. In these positions, Commissioner Bartholomew was integrally involved in developing U.S. policies on international affairs and security matters. She has particular expertise in U.S.-China relations, including issues related to trade, human rights, and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Louisa Greve, National Endowment for Democracy

Louisa Greve is Vice President for Asia, Middle East & North Africa, and Global Programs at the National Endowment for Democracy, where she previously served as Director for East Asia, Senior Program Officer, and Program Officer. Greve has served on the Board of Directors of Amnesty International USA (1993-1998) and the Virginia State Advisory Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. She received her BA in Asian Studies from Cornell University and a Certificate in Chinese and American Studies from the Johns Hopkins University-Nanjing University Center.

Dr. Jaushieh Wu, National Chengchi University; International Committee for Fair Elections in Taiwan

Jaushieh Joseph Wu received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the Ohio State University, and is a research fellow at the Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan. He is concurrently serving as the convener of the National Security Division at Taiwan Brain Trust, a think tank in Taipei. Joseph is also a co-organizer of the International Committee for Fair Elections in Taiwan. He has extensive service in the Taiwan government including Deputy Secretary-General to the President (2002-04), Minister of Mainland Affairs (2004-07), and Taiwan's Ambassador to the United States (2007-08).

Sarah Cook, Freedom House

Sarah Cook is a Senior Research Analyst at Freedom House and Assistant Editor for the Freedom on the Net index. Her research has covered human rights and media developments in China, Taiwan, other parts of East Asia, and the Middle East. Her comments and writings have appeared on CNN, The International Herald Tribune, the Taipei Times, and the U.S. Congressional-Executive Commission on China. Before joining Freedom House, she co-edited the English translation of A China More Just, memoir by prominent rights attorney Gao Zhisheng, and was twice a delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Commission meeting in Geneva for an NGO working on religious freedom in China. She received a B.A. in International Relations from Pomona College and as a Marshall Scholar, completed Masters degrees in Middle East Politics and Public International Law at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London.

Julian Baum, Independent Journalist

Julian Baum is a former Beijing and London bureau chief for The Christian Science Monitor (Boston) and Taipei Bureau Chief for the Far Eastern Economic Review (Hong Kong). He has extensive experience reporting on Taiwan's democratic transition and observed every election there since 1989. He is now an independent writer based in Richmond, Virginia, and a frequent visitor to Taiwan and East Asia.



Based in Los Angeles, the Formosa Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting greater understanding of the relationship between Taiwan and the United States, and preserving and enhancing democracy, human rights and freedom for the people of Taiwan.

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