

October 6, 2021

Hon. Joe Biden The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

On <u>April 26, 2021</u>, the Committee on the Present Danger: China warned that the Chinese Communist Party under the leadership of its General Secretary, Xi Jinping, seemed increasingly determined to use military force to seize the island of Taiwan. We also recommended a series of steps that would heighten the readiness of U.S. forces in the region and assist our friends on Taiwan in improving their deterrent posture.

The Committee was heartened that you told ABC News on August 18<sup>th</sup>: "We made a sacred commitment to Article Five that if in fact anyone were to invade or take action against our NATO allies, we would respond. Same with Japan, same with South Korea, same with Taiwan." It is, however, worrying that few, if any, of the sorts of enhancements that are clearly needed to both U.S. and Taiwanese dissuasive capabilities have been implemented, either before or since your statement.

After all, if the CCP is to be deterred from aggression against the government and people of Taiwan, *action* is required, not simply rhetoric – no matter how robust the latter's content may be.

That is especially true now, when the People's Liberation Army is intensifying its belligerent actions towards Taiwan, both at sea and in the air. Of particular concern is the prospect that such behavior is masking the steady accretion and movement of the forces the CCP will use in an actual invasion of the island – and/or for other acts of war.

Consequently, we want to commend to your most urgent attention the <u>attached set of</u> <u>recommendations</u> that have been updated in light of recent developments in order to focus on those that would have the maximum deterrent effect at the earliest possible moment. We call upon you to take such practical, visible and necessary steps at once,

both to signal to America's allies and to her enemies in China and elsewhere that America can be counted upon to impose unacceptable costs for acts of aggression against the freedom-loving people of Taiwan.

Sincerely,

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Brian Travis Kennedy Chairman

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