
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S
(TAIWAN) PARTICIPATION IN THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, President Obama's foreign policy strategy,
2 "Rebalancing to Asia", represents a significant shift in
3 American foreign policy from a Middle Eastern/European focus to
4 an East/South Asian one; and
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6 WHEREAS, the effect of "Rebalancing to Asia", among other
7 things, is that Asia-Pacific countries must integrate into the
8 regional economic organizations as well; and
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10 WHEREAS, Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou, in his 2014 New
11 Year Address, announced that Taiwan will make its best efforts
12 to participate in Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP, formally known
13 as the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement)
14 and other regional economic integration mechanism for the
15 benefits of Taiwan and international community; and
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17 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a full member of the World Trade
18 Organization and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, and it
19 has and continues to interact with the member economies equally
20 and positively over the years; and
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22 WHEREAS, Taiwan is also committed to multilateral economic
23 development and participates actively in the negotiations and
24 initiatives; and
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26 WHEREAS, as an industrialized nation, Taiwan aspires to
27 play a more active role in the Asia-Pacific region and to
28 provide more contributions to the international economic
29 community; and
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31 WHEREAS, Taiwan has signed economic agreements with New
32 Zealand and Singapore, which are members of TPP; and
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34 WHEREAS, Taiwan has a very close relationship with TPP
35 members, and trade between Taiwan and the twelve TPP members



1 account for thirty-five percent of Taiwan's total foreign trade;
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4 WHEREAS, if Taiwan joins the TPP, it will be the sixth
5 largest economy in TPP; and

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7 WHEREAS, Taiwan is ready and qualified to join TPP as a
8 member to provide more contributions to the Asia-pacific region,
9 for the following reasons:

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11 (1) Taiwan is the eighteenth largest economy in the world
12 and the tenth largest economy in the Asia Pacific
13 Economic Cooperation;

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15 (2) Taiwan's electronics, information and communication
16 technology, bio-technology, and auto parts industries
17 are indispensable in the Asia-Pacific supply chains;

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19 (3) Taiwan is the largest semiconductor foundry and the
20 second largest light-emitting diode (LED) panel
21 industry globally;

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23 (4) Taiwan's machinery exports is the third largest by
24 volume in the world and its exportation of auto parts
25 is the eighth largest in the world; and

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27 (5) According to the 2013 report of the Chung-Hua
28 Institution for Economic Research, Taiwan's
29 participation in the TPP will bring \$78 billion in
30 social welfare for all the members of TPP; and

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32 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States have long enjoyed a
33 cordial friendship based on shared common interests in promoting
34 peace, stability, and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region; and

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36 WHEREAS, Taiwan would share the fruits of mutual free trade
37 as a member of the TPP, and enhance and strengthen the economic
38 and business ties between the people of Taiwan and the United
39 States of America; now, therefore,

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41 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
42 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014,
43 that this body urges the President of the United States of
44 America and the Congress of the United States of America to



1 support the Republic of China's (Taiwan) participation in the
2 Trans-Pacific Partnership; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
6 President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, Speaker of
7 the United States House of Representatives, United States
8 Secretary of State, Ambassador of the Office of the United
9 States Trade Representative, Hawaii's congressional delegation,
10 Governor of Hawaii, and the Director-General of the Taipei
11 Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu.

