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President-elect Dr. Tsai Ing-wen  
Headquarters, Democratic Progressive Party  
10F, 30 Beiping E. Rd., Taipei, Taiwan

Dear President-elect Dr. Tsai,

The people of Taiwan have today chosen you to preside over their future for the next four years. I write to offer my warmest congratulations. Your victory is the result of your demonstrated commitment to serving the people of Taiwan and the democratic values Taiwan embodies.

I also congratulate the Taiwanese people who have demonstrated their commitment to a true and robust democratic process, voting for their government to change hands once again. The U.S. and Taiwan share a commitment to democracy, rule of law, and human rights, and Taiwan's successes serve as an example of what can be built based on these principles. I have no doubt there will be a smooth transition, and urge all to recognize the results of the election in a peaceful manner.

I have the honor of serving one of the largest Taiwanese diaspora communities in America. The Taiwanese American community serves as a bridge of cultural, familial, and business ties to Taiwan and is at the heart of U.S.-Taiwan relations. This close friendship between our peoples will reinforce our partnership.

The Foreign Affairs Committee looks forward to working with your government on the full range of issues at hand in the U.S.-Taiwan relationship to enhance our bilateral relationship, including a strengthened security relationship and inclusion in the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement. I am committed to upholding the tenets of the Taiwan Relations Act which has underpinned the relationship for thirty-seven years.

I join the people of Taiwan in the celebrating their democracy today. Rest assured that you may count on the United States and on my support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Royce".

EDWARD R. ROYCE  
Chairman