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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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President Chen Shui-bian
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Dear President Chen:

We write to congratulate you on your election as President of Taiwan and the people of Taiwan for their historic vote to strengthen democracy in Taiwan. Congress and the American people remain unequivocally committed in their support for the people of Taiwan, and it is important that we highlight this momentous occasion and the unbreakable bond between our two peoples.

The Taiwanese people should be praised for their continued commitment to freedom, human rights, and democracy, and for their dramatic voter turnout in the Presidential election - greater than 80% of registered voters. Taiwan has truly emerged as a model for other developing democracies to emulate in Asia and across the globe.

Over the past years, Taiwan's democracy has grown stronger and more resilient. We are extremely impressed by your commitment to the political and economic success of Taiwanese who share your unbridled enthusiasm and determination for a better future.

As you form your new government, there will be several important issues that your Administration will have to address:

As Members of Congress, we hope that you will advocate for renewed cross-Strait dialogue with the People's Republic of China (PRC). Stability and peace are in the best interest of Taiwan, China, the United States and all nations in the region. Successful cross-Strait dialogue must also include cooperation from Beijing. We strongly believe that continued statements coming from Beijing threatening to use force against Taiwan are unacceptable. Please know that although we seek first and foremost to promote peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait, the United States is committed to ensuring that the future of Taiwan be determined peacefully by the people of Taiwan and free from outside threats, intimidation, or interference.

American effort to support Taiwan's bid to obtain observer status at the World Health Organization and other international multilateral organizations, enhancing Taiwan's security, expanding overall trade and economic relations, the continuation of high-level meetings between American and Taiwanese cabinet members, a concerted effort to reinvigorate cross-strait talks to help preserve peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait, and other issues that of mutual benefit to the United States and Taiwan.

Additionally, we seek your nation's continued support in the war on terrorism and in international efforts to rebuild Afghanistan and Iraq.

President Chen, as you begin your second term, we hope to reassure you that we are committed to the security, prosperity and future of the people of Taiwan. All Americans can truly appreciate the steps taken by the people of Taiwan to strengthen their nation for future generations. We know that you will continue to be a strong advocate for the people of Taiwan, and we welcome the opportunity to work with you and to foster even stronger links between our two democracies.

Again, congratulations on your second term as President of Taiwan. We know that Taiwan's future as a bastion of democracy and freedom will continue to shine brightly in this new millennium.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



STEVE CHABOT
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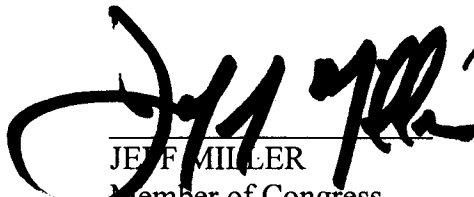
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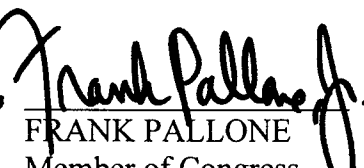
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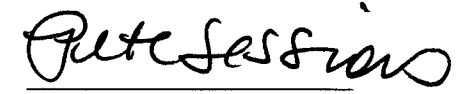
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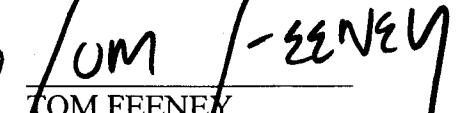
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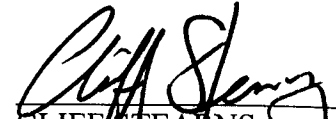
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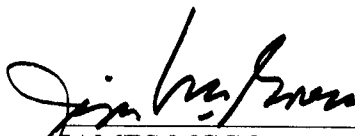
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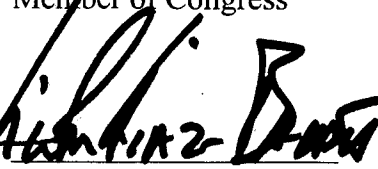
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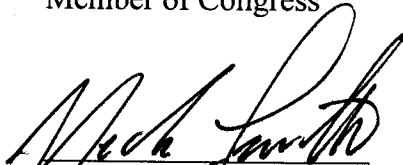

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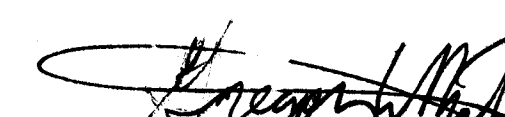

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