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The Honorable Alexander Yui
Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office
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Washington, DC 20016

Dear Ambassador Yui:

On behalf of the nearly 2,000 state legislators from all 50 states who are members of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), we are thrilled to extend our most heartfelt congratulations to President-elect Lai Ching-te and Vice President-elect Hsiao Bi-khim on their electoral victory. Once again, the Taiwanese people demonstrated uncommon courage and wisdom in voting for the team they believed would best protect the status quo despite threats and an intense disinformation campaign waged by the People's Republic of China. Given Taiwan's current geopolitical challenges, leaders with President-elect Lai's and Vice President-elect Hsiao's unwavering commitment to Taiwanese democracy is more important now than ever, and we have full confidence that the nation of Taiwan is in good hands.

We would also like to congratulate Taiwan on the completion of a successful, peaceful and highly consequential democratic election. As former national security advisor, Stephen Hadley observed during a post-election visit to the island nation, "Taiwan's democracy has set a shining example for the world, a democratic success story based on transparency, the rule of law, and respect for human rights and freedoms." With millions of ballots cast and thousands of your citizens returning from homes overseas to vote, Taiwan's status as an exceedingly vibrant and dynamic democracy is unassailable and compelling. We at ALEC recognize the importance of this election and applaud Taiwan for demonstrating, once again, why we describe your country as a "democratic beacon of hope" to the world.

ALEC has been privileged to have a close partnership with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) and has enjoyed working together on initiatives of mutual concern. Individuals among our members and staff have also been fortunate enough to travel to Taiwan, affording us the opportunity to experience firsthand its extraordinary accomplishments and beautiful countryside. We are very appreciative of this and look forward to continuing and expanding our current working relationship for many years to come.

Respectfully yours,



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