

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

August 6, 2019

President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump,

Thank you for your leadership in advancing the security relationship with Taiwan. The potential sale of F-16s to Taiwan has presented a unique opportunity to increase manufacturing within the United States and highlights the value of our defense industrial base.

The new F-16 Block 70, manufactured in our home state of South Carolina, is the world's most successful, combat-proven fighter. It has flown over 400,000 combat sorties in military conflicts around the world, maintaining an undefeated air-to-air record. Your support for prior sales of new F-16s to Bahrain, Slovakia, and Bulgaria has led to the newly established manufacturing line in Greenville, South Carolina. Without your support, the F-16 production line would have come to an end. Instead, this line is creating more than 1,500 total new jobs in South Carolina. That is in addition to 400 supplier companies across 41 states for an estimated 16,900 total U.S. jobs with an annual economic impact of \$1.4 billion.

Taiwan's request for 66 F-16 Block 70 aircraft will be the largest order for the newly established manufacturing line. Moving this potential sale to Congressional Notification will be for a greater number of aircraft than the previous four Congressional Notifications of F-16 Block 70 fighters combined. This sale alone has an estimated value of \$8 billion and will provide a guaranteed three years of production, extending manufacturing work in South Carolina through 2027. In short, the Taiwan F-16 Block 70 sale is critical to sustaining the thousands of jobs associated with the new production line in South Carolina.

Congress has signaled support for this sale and is eager to receive the Congressional Notification. A swift review will allow your Administration to work with our partner nation to accomplish what the two previous administrations could not: new U.S. built aircraft for Taiwan to meet their self-defense needs.

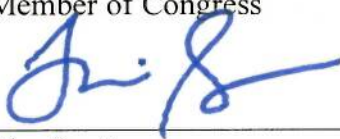
As with all potential deals there are timing considerations. Our partner nation has a limited window of opportunity to move this U.S. arms transfer through their budget process prior to their next election. Thus, we believe the time is now to move forward with the sale before this window of opportunity closes. There is no better way to support U.S. defense industrial base and our partner than to move forward with the sale of the F-16 Block 70 to Taiwan.

We urge your support for this important sale and ask that you direct the Congressional Notification be sent to Congress for its consideration.

Respectfully,



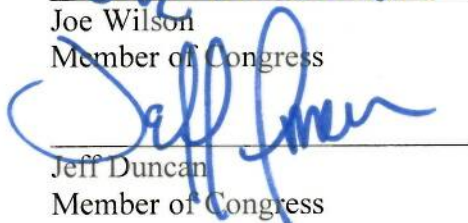
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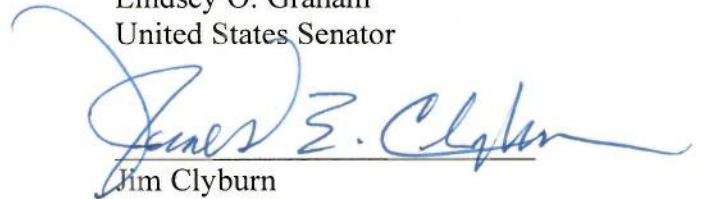
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