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Honorable Senator Bob Dole  
United States Senate  
Washington D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

We, the undersigned Taiwanese living in the Houston area, urge you to deny both Red China's and Chiang's claims over Taiwan and to support Taiwanese self-determination.

We offer the following reasons why you should adopt this position:

1. Taiwan is not a part of China. Although the Taiwanese are Chinese in origin, Taiwan developed separately from the mainland. For only 13 years (1886-1895; 1945-1949) of the last three centuries was Taiwan ruled as a province of China.
2. Chiang's regime does not represent the people of Taiwan (neither does it represent the people in mainland). Chiang represents only himself and a relatively few of his supporters who fled the mainland in 1949. At present, the 12 million Taiwanese, who comprise 85 per cent of the island's population, are allowed only 3 per cent token representation in the congressional bodies in Taiwan. They have been living under martial law for more than 20 years.
3. The legal status of Taiwan, as declared by the U. S. State Department, has never been settled. While the 1951 Peace Treaty with Japan specified that Japan should renounce sovereignty over Taiwan, no beneficiary was named. The beneficiary, of course, should be the people of Taiwan.

We appreciate your attention to our appeal for your support to our just cause-human dignity, self-determination, freedom and democracy.

Respectfully yours,

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