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To: Rep. Julie Fahey, Chair, Reps. Jeffrey Helrich and Jason Kropf, Vice Chairs
Members of the House Committee on Rules

Re: HCR 203 – Reaffirming State of Oregon's commitment to its relationship with Taiwan – Support

Chair Fahey, Vice-Chairs Helfrich and Kropf, and members of the House Committee on Rules, I am writing to express my support for HCR 203, a resolution to reaffirm Oregon's commitment to its relationship with Taiwan. I had the opportunity to visit Taiwan as part of a delegation of Oregon & Washington State leaders focused on the economic significance of the Oregon-Taiwan relationship. This relationship, underpinned by decades of strategic partnership, has yielded substantial economic benefits for Oregon, with Taiwan standing as one of our top trading partners.

HCR 203 not only celebrates our mutual respect and shared democratic values but also emphasizes the critical role of this partnership in bolstering our state's economy. The trade and investment flows between Oregon and Taiwan have been instrumental in creating jobs, fostering innovation, and promoting sustainable economic growth within our state.

Our agricultural exports, technology exchanges, and educational collaborations have laid a foundation for a thriving economic relationship that benefits both our communities. The resolution's support for these ongoing exchanges is vital for enhancing our economic ties and exploring new avenues for growth.

By advocating for this resolution, we commit to nurturing a partnership that has proven essential for our economic prosperity. I urge the committee to recognize the economic dimensions of this resolution and support its passage as a testament to the continued importance of our relationship with Taiwan.

Thank you for considering the economic perspective of our valued partnership with Taiwan.

Best,

Senator Aaron L. Woods, District 13