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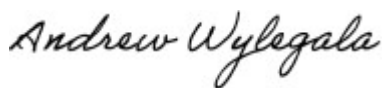
Dear Assistant Secretary Venkataraman,

On behalf of the nearly 1,100 members of AmCham Taiwan, congratulations on your confirmation! We also add our thanks for your remarks that were so well received at our annual appreciation banquet last March 30<sup>th</sup>. Your words were not only generous towards the Chamber but also laid out a program in which we are well positioned to assist the Commerce Department in advancing the tremendously beneficial relationship we enjoy with Taiwan.

Toward that end, we would very much appreciate the opportunity for our Chamber leaders to discuss with you bilateral efforts such as the *Technology Trade & Investment Collaboration* and other critical supply chain and investment promotion possibilities. In lieu of our standard in-person Doorknock visits to Washington, D.C., this May and June we will be requesting video calls with key Administration and Hill interlocutors. We look forward to finding a time on your schedule, although it is surely a crowded one, with events such as the upcoming *SelectUSA Summit*.

Finally, I wish to underscore what a fine team the U.S.&FCS has in place at the American Institute under the leadership of Mr. Brent Omdahl. Thanks to Brent, our Chamber benefits from a wealth of commercial acumen and senior level networking. His team's work on significant wins such as securing Taiwan's alignment with the Medical Device Single Audit Program and the Cross Border Data Privacy Rules are greatly appreciated by our members. And clearly Director Oudkirk recognizes her Commercial Section's effectiveness in leading the trade promotional agenda by charging your agency's staff with supporting executive-level Chamber events such as the banquet, our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and our Board's quarterly meetings with AIT.

Sincerely yours,



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