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The Honorable Lyu Shun Shen  
Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office  
4201 Wisconsin Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Ambassador Shen:

On behalf of the nearly 2,000 state legislators from all 50 states who are members of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), I am thrilled to extend my most heartfelt congratulations to President-elect Tsai Ing-wen on her electoral victory. The people of Taiwan are fortunate to welcome such a strong and forward-thinking leader into office.

I would also like to congratulate Taiwan on the completion of another successful and peaceful democratic election. President-elect Tsai's comment that "[Taiwan's] democratic way of life is forever the resolve of Taiwan's 23 million people," underscored Taiwan's unwavering commitment to democracy and free market principles despite numerous external challenges. We at ALEC recognize the significance of this achievement and applaud Taiwan for it.

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.

Respectfully yours,



Ms. Lisa B. Nelson  
Chief Executive Officer