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Mr. Douglas Hsu
Director-General Taipei Economic Development Office
99 Summer Street Boston Massachusetts 02110

Dear Mr. Hsu:

We have appreciated the cooperation between Taiwan and Vermont throughout the years. The official sister-state relationship between Taiwan and Vermont represents a special international friendship. Our partnership has mutually benefited the citizens of Vermont and Taiwan in numerous ways.

We are very appreciative of the offer and gift of masks and your concern for Vermonters' health and safety. This is a generous gesture on your part.

Taiwan is assuming increasing importance as a destination for the receipt of Vermont's exports. According to the U.S. Census, in 2019, Taiwan ranked second only behind Canada as a Vermont export destination. The monetary values of our state's exports to Taiwan totaled \$374 million and represented 12.4 percent of Vermont's export market. These figures are a major increase from the prior year, when the comparable numbers were \$195 million and 6.7 percent.

On behalf of myself and the members of the Vermont General Assembly who have been privileged to visit Taiwan as part of an official delegation I welcome your continued interest in our sister-state relationship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Zuckerman".

Lt. Governor David Zuckerman