

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

January 30, 2018

His Excellency Cui Tiankai  
Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the United States  
3505 International Place, NW  
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ambassador Cui:

It has come to our attention that the Government of the People's Republic of China has made the decision to open several disputed air routes, specifically the M503 northbound route through the Taiwan Strait, without consulting with, or providing notice to, the Government of Taiwan.

It is our understanding that, according to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), flight routes such as M503 and its extensions should only be launched following consultations with neighboring parties. This action is in contravention of the 2015 agreement between China and Taiwan that opened the M503 to southbound commercial traffic. We believe this presents a serious problem and could have a negative impact on aviation safety and regional stability going forward. These seemingly aggressive actions by the Government of China may have a detrimental impact upon the security conditions in the region, as well as the interests of the United States.

It is our hope that this matter is resolved through constructive dialogue. Making unilateral decisions on issues critical to aviation safety in the Taiwan Strait does not serve the interests of either party and provides several concerns to the United States. During a time of growing instability, it is unwise to create new drivers of potential conflict that may negatively impact the national security of China, Taiwan, and the United States.

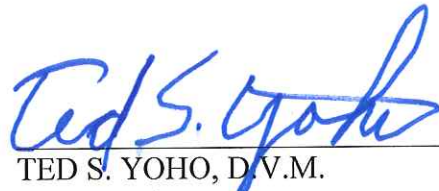
We sincerely hope that the Governments of China and Taiwan will be able to find a mutually acceptable solution to this issue that will ensure continued aviation safety as well as regional stability. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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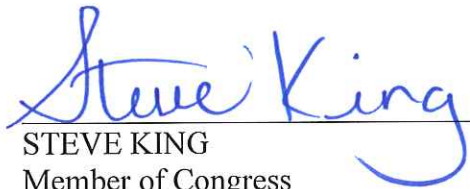
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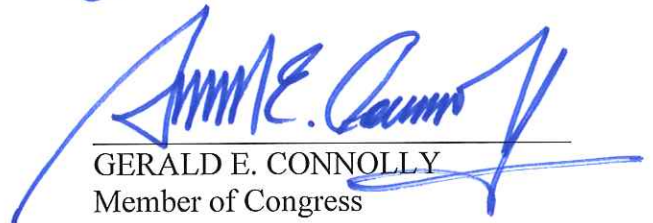
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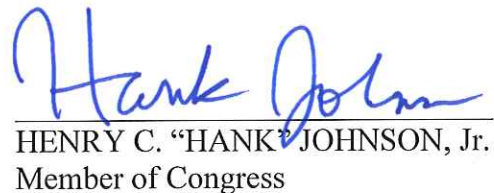
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