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May 10, 2013

President Ma Ying-jeou
Office of the President
Republic of China (Taiwan)

Dear Mr. President:

Just over two years ago (April 12, 2011), I wrote to you regarding a pending decision by Chunghwa Telecom (CHT) to drop the satellite broadcast channel of New Tang Dynasty (NTD) of Taiwan. NTD relies on CHT for broadcast services in both Taiwan and mainland China to spread news and information that the Communist Beijing dictatorship does not want its subjugated people to hear. The democratic government of Taiwan should be encouraging the spread of ideas favoring freedom and traditional values across the Strait. And since the Ministry of Transportation and Communications was the largest shareholder of Chunghwa Telecom, your government was (and is) in the position to support such an enlightened policy.

In 2011, the issue was resolved in favor of NTD and the cause of liberty. However, the agreement between CHT and NTD was for only two years. The time to renew that agreement is upon us, and I want to make sure that you still support NTD's access to the CHT satellite so it can continue its pro-freedom broadcasts to the mainland. NTD is affiliated with the Falun Gong, the largest dissident group on the mainland and the object of ruthless repression including murder, torture and other crimes against humanity.

I brought this issue up two weeks ago (April 25) at a meeting of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific. The Subcommittee was marking up the Taiwan Policy Act of 2013. I said at the meeting that there is no reason to accord Taiwan any special place in American policy if Taiwan were to side with the Beijing Communists against the Falun Gong. Taiwan has always stood as an alternative to Communism and a better path to the future for the Chinese people. It must continue to do so.

I urge you to help CHT and NTD cooperate so that the outcome this year will be a beneficial as the outcome in 2011. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Rohrabacher".

Dana Rohrabacher
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Cc: Ambassador Pu-tsung King
Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States