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I am writing on behalf of the Southern California University of Health Sciences (SCU). SCU is a nonprofit, independent, university fully accredited by the WASC Senior Commission for Universities and Colleges. SCU's approach to healthcare education combines curriculum, clinic, and community to help graduates develop a broader base of knowledge and gain a deeper appreciation for different perspectives on care through a deeply collaborative interprofessional education (IPE) and collaborative practice model. Currently, SCU enjoys academic and clinical affiliations in China, Japan, and India enriching the academic and research experiences of our students and faculty. Among the goals and objectives outlined in our institutional plan is the need to build deeper international collaborations and partnerships. There are no chiropractic colleges or universities with chiropractic programs in Taiwan and many doctors of chiropractic in Taiwan are graduates of US universities. Expanding these relationships to Taiwan will contribute to the advancement of integrative healthcare globally and our vision of transforming health and healthcare education. There is no legal status or recognition for chiropractic physicians to practice in Taiwan. Taiwan Chiropractors are cited and fined for practicing medicine without license. SCU deems this an unfair trade issue that should be addressed in the U.S.-Taiwan 21st-Century Trade Initiative. In addition, U.S. manufacturers/exporters of chiropractic equipment to sell into the Taiwan market would increase dramatically if legalization of chiropractic services were achieved. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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