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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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**Regarding the Feb. 24 editorial** “In Xinjiang, big brother is watching” and the Feb. 26 news article “Taiwan’s 2020 election campaign is all about Washington vs. Beijing”:

China has adopted aggressive approaches toward neighboring countries and its minority ethnic groups in recent years as its economic and military strength has grown. The global engagement and peaceful transformation policy toward China has proved to be a failure as Beijing’s Orwellian strategy has upended regional stability. Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen reiterated this in an interview with CNN last month, saying China’s ambitions and intentions do not involve only Taiwan. Beijing seeks opportunities to control or influence all countries in the area and even beyond. It’s a challenge the entire Asia-Pacific region has to face and take seriously.

Taiwan has been a beacon for freedom of speech and religion in East Asia, and an enduring partner for the world’s democracies, which was recognized by Vice President Pence and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. We hope like-minded countries will stand up together to an authoritarian regime bullying its neighbors and its own people. It may be Taiwan or Xinjiang today, but who will it be tomorrow?

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