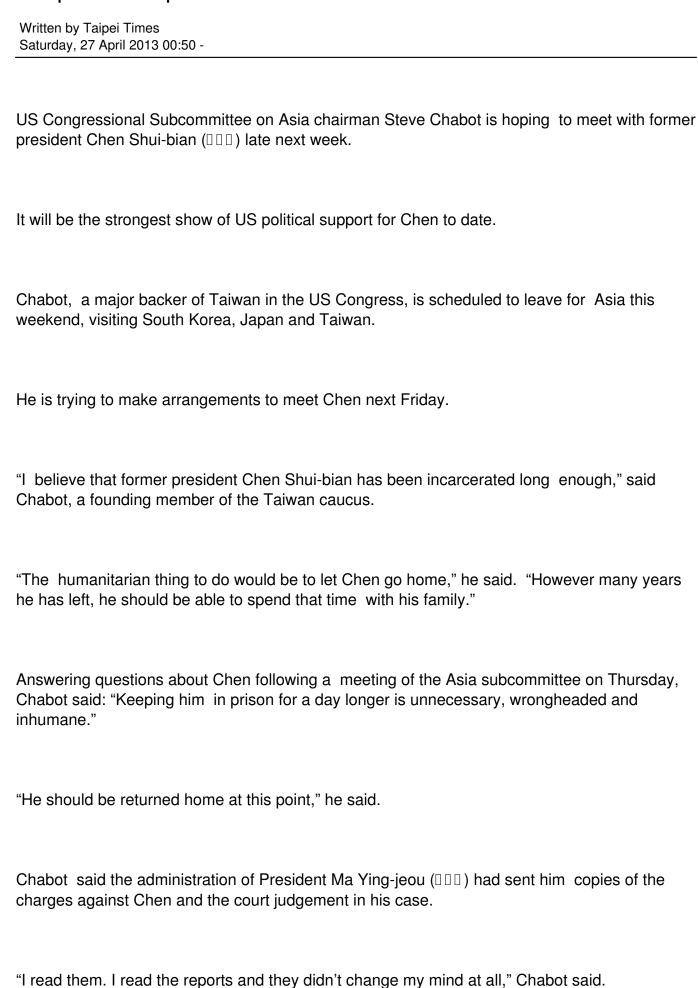
## US representative hopes to meet Chen Shui-bian



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"Chen has been incarcerated far too long," he said. "As far as I am concerned, I think it amounts to the criminalization of politics."

"I am not justifying or condoning what President Chen was accused of, but whatever he did he has been in jail far too long, especially when you consider his physical and mental condition at this time," Chabot said. "The humanitarian thing to do is to allow him to go home and be with his family."

"I would hope that Taiwan, being a humanitarian country, a good ally, a strong ally of the United States and generally doing the right thing, does the right thing in this case too," he said.

The Congressman refused to say what action he would take if the Ma administration continues to refuse to grant Chen medical parole.

However, Chabot is deeply and emotionally committed to helping Chen and two political sources close to him said that he would not let the case drop and was prepared to take further action.

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