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Mr. Masaru Yamasaki

Dear Mr. Yamasaki:

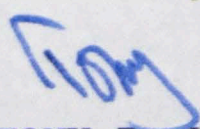
Thank you for taking the time to write urging my support of H.R. 5499, the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians Act. I appreciate being advised of your interest in this legislation.

As you know, H.R. 5499 provides for the establishment of a national commission to investigate the origins, remedies, and ramifications of the presidential proclamation authorizing the incarceration of more than 100,000 Japanese-Americans during World War II (Executive Order 9066). I am pleased to inform you that on October 26, I cosponsored this measure.

At present, H.R. 5499 is pending in the House Judiciary Committee. Executive comments on the bill have been requested from the Departments of Defense, Justice and Interior. I have been advised by Representative Rodino, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, that once these documents are received, hearings on the bill will be scheduled.

I share your concerns, Mr. Yamasaki, that it is indeed time to address the grave injustices to which these individuals were subjected. Let me assure you that I will continue my participation in the effort to secure prompt enactment of this measure.

Sincerely,

  
TONY P. HALL  
Member of Congress

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