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Ms. Elaine Okayama


Dear Ms. Okayama:

As you are aware, the National JACL is undertaking the issue of redress by supporting an approach which would establish a Presidential Commission to review the facts and circumstance surrounding the World War II internment of citizens of Japanese ancestry.

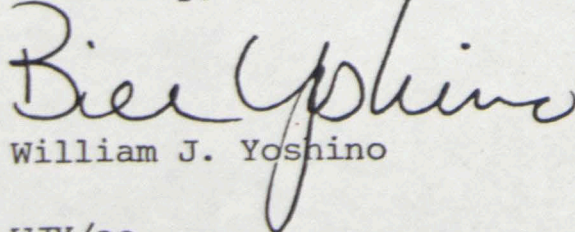
The Commission, after conducting national public hearings and receiving informational input, will issue its findings and recommendations to Congress for action.

The Senate bill S. 1647, was passed on May 22, 1980. We anticipate hearings on the House bill, HR 5499, shortly.

To date, 147 Congressmen have co-sponsored HR 5499. Your Congressman, John Erlenborn, has yet to co-sponsor the legislation. We would appreciate your sending a letter to Congressman Erlenborn asking that he support HR 5499, the "Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians Act."

I would appreciate a copy of your reply and thank you for your help.

Sincerely,


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