

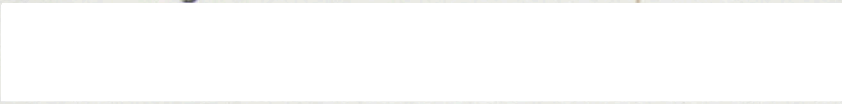
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Mr. Shoji Abe


Dear Mr. Abe;

As you are aware, the National JACL has undertaken the Redress issue as a major priority. We have achieved much success in enlisting support among the members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. To date, 19 Senators have co-sponsored S. 1647 and 137 Congressmen have co-sponsored HR 5499.

Hearings have been held on the Senate side and we anticipate full Senate action shortly. On the House side, HR 5499 still awaits hearings in the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Affairs.

I would like to ask for your help in our effort to secure successful passage of HR 5499. Congressman Robert McClory of your district has not as yet made a decision regarding HR 5499. Furthermore, Congressman McClory is a member of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Affairs.

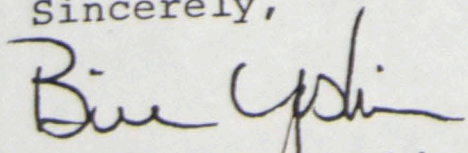
We would appreciate it greatly if you would take a few minutes to write to Congressman McClory asking first, that he co-sponsor HR 5499 and secondly, in his capacity as a member of the subcommittee, that he urge the subcommittee chairman, Congressman Danielson, to hold hearings on HR 5499.

I have enclosed Congressman McClory's address as well as a sample letter and a copy of the bill.

I would appreciate a copy of any response you receive from Congressman McClory.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,


William J. Yoshino

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cc: Ronald Ikejiri, Washington Representative, JACL

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