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## United States Senate

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Mr. Tim Yoshimiya  
5605 Capstan Way  
Sacramento, California 95822

Dear Mr. Yoshimiya:

I am always happy when I have the opportunity to share some great news with you from Washington. Knowing of your hard work in support of legislation (S.1009) to provide reparations for the wartime relocation and internment of Japanese Americans, it gives me ~~great pleasure to be able to tell you that the Senate has passed~~ this most important bill. It now awaits a final House-Senate Conference Committee agreement before it is sent to the White House for President Reagan's signature.

As an original cosponsor of Senator Matsunaga's bill, I am proud to have been a part of this historic effort, righting a most glaring injustice committed by this Nation against Americans of Japanese ancestry...

Ours is a good Nation with a proud history, but we are by no means perfect. We are all subject to the infallibilities of human beings, particularly those emanating from fear. While our effort comes some forty years late, it does right an injustice which in a moment of panic was committed against loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Just as we must never forget the Holocaust and what the indifference and timidity of good and decent people permitted to occur in Europe throughout the duration of WWII, we must also recognize that good and decent people had a lapse of judgment by denying these individuals the constitutional freedoms and ~~protections guaranteed in this Nation.~~

In closing, let me thank you for your perseverance and hard work in helping make this legislation a reality. I have enjoyed working with you and look forward to reporting back to you shortly with the news that the President has signed this historic bill into public law.

Sincerely,

  
PETE WILSON

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