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Dear Friend:

On Monday, August 19 at noon, I will unveil a special Capitol exhibit of letters and photographs documenting the dismissal in 1942 of every state employee of Japanese descent.

I'd like you to be my guest at this ceremony in the east lobby of the Capitol building.

As you know, I am the author of legislation to remove from the California codes the sections of law that were used to fire more than 300 Japanese-Americans during World War II. It is shameful that these laws are still on the books today. My bill, AB 198, has been approved by the Assembly and is scheduled for its first State Senate hearing the same day the exhibit opens.

AB 198 received nearly unanimous approval in the Assembly, both in the committees and on the floor. It was the moving testimony of three Japanese-American victims of this wartime hysteria that made legislators really see how lives were turned upside down by the blind, hateful actions of the time.

It's my hope that this exhibit will contribute to that understanding. The display will be on the first floor, near the Governor's office, where there it will be seen by legislators, state elected officials, government leaders and thousands of visitors. After a week, it will be moved to the third floor.

I know that it is painful to relive those years of humiliation and turmoil. But I hope you will be my guest at this exhibit opening and help us show California why we can never allow this to happen again.

Sincerely,

Phillip Isenberg

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