

Concerned Japanese Americans
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Joan Z. Bernstein, Chairperson
Commission on Wartime Internment &
Relocation of Civilians
New Executive Office Building
Room 202
726 Jackson St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Ms. Bernstein:

We are writing to express our concern about unconfirmed reports which we have indirectly received regarding your resignation as Chair of the Commission on Wartime Internment and Relocation of Civilians. We are greatly disturbed by such a possibility and are anxious to learn of the actual circumstances.

If this is in fact under your consideration, Concerned Japanese Americans would urge you to reconsider and would also extend our support in whatever way that we can to insure that you retain your position.

The Commission has an important role to play in hearing the voices of the broad Japanese American community as it reviews the circumstances leading to the mass incarceration. As we have expressed in the past, we feel that you have played a commendable role in maintaining an open and unbiased atmosphere which is conducive to the broadest participation possible. We feel this is entirely necessary to insure that the Commission fulfill its duties. We have grave doubts as to whether this atmosphere would continue were you to resign your position, and it is without question on behalf of the Japanese community in New York that we urge you to continue in your capacity as Chairperson.

We are eager to know if there is anything which we can offer which would influence a positive decision by your office. We anxiously await your response.

Sincerely,

Toni Morozumi for
Concerned Japanese Americans