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The Honorable Megan Brennan
Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Postmaster General Brennan:

I write to you to express my support for a stamp that would honor the Japanese American soldiers who fought during World War II. These individuals sacrificed their lives and made significant contributions to our country.

However, that is not all that they did. While many Japanese Americans were overseas fighting to defend their country, an estimated 120,000 were relocated and forced to live in "internment camps." Of the 120,000 individuals in these camps, around 80,000 were second generation Japanese American and approximately 3,600 served in the armed services.

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan issued a formal apology and signed legislation into law that would compensate more than 100,000 people of Japanese descent who were incarcerated in internment camps during World War II. Additionally, in 2011, members of the all-Japanese American 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. Despite the fact that several steps have been taken to remedy the wrongs that occurred during World War II, I believe that more must be done.

Therefore, as our country reflects on next year's 75th anniversary of placing individuals in internment camps, I encourage you to honor them by issuing a stamp in remembrance of the sacrifices that they made during World War II. I feel that this would be an appropriate tribute to honor their memory and hope that you will consider issuing a stamp. Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Crystal Martinez in my office at (202) 224-2287.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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