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The Honorable Megan J. Brennan  
United States Postmaster General  
475 L'Enfant Plaza  
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Postmaster General Brennan,

I write to join with those voicing their support for a United States Postage Stamp to commemorate the bravery and patriotism of Japanese-American citizens and soldiers in World War II. During this period, internment camps spanned the Western United States, including the Topaz Camp near Delta, Utah and served as physical manifestations of the profiling and racial prejudice that faced thousands of Japanese-Americans. To challenge the adversity they faced in their nation, and exhibit their love for country, in excess of 33,000 Japanese-Americans enlisted in the United States military.

Known as Nisei (second-generation Japanese-Americans), these soldiers fought with distinction. Their presence in the war was instrumental in freeing Holocaust survivors from Dachau, rescuing the Lost Battalion of the 36<sup>th</sup> Texas Division, and serving as linguists in the Pacific Theater. Their bravery and service was crucial to the success of the war efforts.

2017 marks seventy-five years since the inception of Japanese internment camps in the United States. This stamp will serve to remember the sacrifices of the valiant Nisei soldiers as well as the history of Japanese internment. The issuance of this stamp would be a small, but important step in recognizing those worthy of praise, and in making certain the injustices of our past are never replicated in our nation's future. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Herbert  
Governor