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Dear Postmaster General Brennan:

We write to urge your favorable consideration of a proposal submitted to the United States Postal Service Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee featuring the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism. This stamp proposal commemorates Japanese American service members who served during World War II. The stamp will honor these patriots and their service to the United States.

After President Roosevelt issued Executive Order No. 9066 following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, nearly 120,000 Japanese Americans were forcibly removed from their homes and placed in 10 relocation centers throughout the western United States. Many Japanese Americans from the Pacific Northwest were relocated to the Minidoka Internment Camp near Jerome, Idaho. Approximately 10,000 internees inhabited the camp during its operation from August 10, 1942, to October 28, 1945.

Despite the hardships faced by Japanese Americans at home during World War II, many chose to enlist in the United States Army. Roughly 33,000 second-generation Japanese Americans enlisted and more than 800 died while serving. One soldier was William K. Nakamura, an internee at the Minidoka camp who was killed as a result of his heroic actions during the war. Nakamura was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously in 2000.

Thank you and thanks to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee for your consideration of the stamp proposal featuring the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism. A commemorative stamp would serve as tribute to these American heroes and their families for their extraordinary service to our nation.

Sincerely,


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