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Dear Mrs. Brennan:

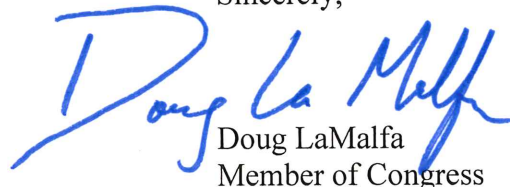
I am writing you today to express my support for the United States Postal Service (USPS) to issue a commemorative stamp honoring the Japanese Americans who served our nation during World War II.

In February, 2017, the United States will mark the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, which authorized the relocation and internment of Japanese Americans. Over the course of four years, 120,000 Japanese Americans were interned – some of them within the First Congressional District of California at the Tule Lake War Relocation Center. Nearly two-thirds of those interned were U.S. citizens.

Despite this, nearly 33,000 Nisei – second-generation Americans of Japanese ethnicity – signed up to fight for the United States. The Nisei soldiers displayed their valor on countless occasions, receiving 9,000 Purple Hearts, 4,000 Bronze Stars, and 21 Medals of Honor. In 2011 Congress awarded the all-Japanese American 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, as well as the Nisei servicemen of the Military Intelligence Unit, the Congressional Gold Medal. More than 800 members of the Nisei regiments would give the ultimate sacrifice to protect our Republic.

I believe that the proposed stamp featuring the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism would be an ideal way to honor the patriotism and courage of these American heroes who faced oppression from their own government. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


Doug LaMalfa
Member of Congress