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**House of Representatives**  
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Postmaster General  
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Postmaster General Brennan:

I write to urge you to issue a United States commemorative postage stamp that would honor the brave sacrifices of the Japanese Americans who served our nation during World War II. We as a nation must never forget the courage of those who have helped protect our freedoms. This is especially important for those who did so despite being discriminated against by our own government.

As you know, the federal government incarcerated over 100,000 Japanese Americans during the Second World War. However, in the face of this, thousands of Nisei, second generation Japanese Americans, still wanted to serve and did so largely in the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion/ 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat team. This group is often referred to as the Purple Heart Battalion because of their decorations for their courage and sacrifice.

The stamp proposal, which you are currently considering, would feature the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism in Washington, D.C. on a commemorative stamp. I urge you to approve this proposal, as it would properly honor the legacy of those who sacrificed for our freedoms. During the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the internment, this action would be appropriate and just.

Sincerely,



John Rutherford  
Member of Congress