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The Honorable Megan Brennan
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Dear Postmaster General Brennan:

Many Americans, including Members of Congress, have expressed their desire that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee issue a postage stamp to honor our nation's Nisei veterans of World War II. I wholeheartedly join in this effort.

Seventy-five years ago, Japanese Americans across the United States were required to leave their homes and were interned. Despite the unjust and undeserved actions of their government, nearly 33,000 Nisei—second generation Japanese American men and women—volunteered to serve in the United States military while their parents and siblings were imprisoned behind barbed wire. The Nisei served in critical roles, both at home and abroad, as part of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 100th Infantry Battalion, the Military Intelligence Service, and the Women's Army Corps. They served honorably and with distinction. Their actions at home and abroad made a positive difference in the outcome of the war.

While the Nisei of World War II have been honored by military decorations and the Congressional Gold Medal, many Americans are unaware of their story and their extraordinary contributions in the face of intolerable prejudice. It is fitting to again tell the story of these brave, selfless Americans and to bear witness to the fact that we are a nation of immigrants whose patriotism runs deep.

I encourage you to not only support this request, but to champion this opportunity to honor the Nisei and the best of the American spirit. I look forward to receiving your reply.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator