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Dear Postmaster General Megan Brennan:

It has come to my attention that over thirty U.S. senators and congress members recently signed letters encouraging the U.S. Postal Service to issue a new United States commemorative postage stamp. The stamp would honor the Japanese American soldiers who served in the U.S. Army in World War II. On behalf of the Japanese government, I would like to express my strong support for this proposal.

The Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco has a long history of engaging and cooperating with the Japanese American community. We provide support for sister city programs, annual cultural events, and many other activities that help bring the people of the U.S. and Japan closer together. The Japanese American community has always played an involved and instrumental role in these efforts.

Last April, I had the honor of visiting the site of the Manzanar internment camp in California and learning more about this tragic yet inspiring piece of U.S. history. I have also had the opportunity to meet many Japanese Americans, including people who lived in the internment camps and some who served in the U.S. Army. They shared inspiring firsthand accounts of the hardship, trials, and triumphs that they and their families experienced during World War II and its aftermath.

Japanese Americans' World War II stories remain relevant as they provide us with important insight on current affairs. I believe that issuing a commemorative postage stamp would be a wonderful way of sharing this history with a wider audience and inspiring a new generation of Americans to learn more. I truly hope that the U.S. Postal Service will take this idea into consideration in the future.

Sincerely,



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