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could find in my files.
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 2, 1992

Mr. Toshio Matsumoto
368 Deer River Way
Sacramento, California 95831

Dear Mr. Matsumoto:

Thank you very much for writing to express your support for S. 2553, the Civil Liberties Act Amendments of 1992.

The internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II was a particularly dark period in this nation's proud history. Normally enlightened in our treatment of peoples with varied backgrounds and beliefs, America was temporarily blinded by the forces of paranoia and wartime fears.

While no action can fully replace those lost years and the wholesale deprivation of the Constitution's due process guarantees, the Congress and President Reagan initiated a process of acknowledging and apologizing for this wrong by enacting the Civil Liberties Act (Public Law 101-383) in April 1988. This Act directed the Office of Redress Administration to seek out all qualified applicants for compensation of \$20,000 each. Moreover, it established a public education program to promote a better understanding of these events and to prevent any similar recurrence in the future.

Passage of the Civil Liberties Act was a historical step and, although I was not a United States Senator at the time, I did vote for resolutions in the California State Senate in 1987 and 1989 which called on the Federal Government to pass and fully fund this critical piece of legislation.

It is my understanding that additional resources may be required to fulfill the intent of the 1988 Act. I continue to firmly believe that the United States Government should honor its original commitment to Japanese-Americans who were victims of the internment. Proposals have been put forward, including S. 2553, to increase funding for P.L. 101-383. Please rest assured that I will keep your views in mind when such proposals come before the Governmental Affairs Committee and the full Senate.

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Thank you once again for writing.

Sincerely,



JOHN SEYMOUR
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 20, 1992

Mr. Toshio Matsumoto
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Sacramento, California 95831-2452

Dear Mr. Matsumoto:

I am writing to follow-up on our previous correspondence regarding S.2553, the Civil Liberties Act Amendments of 1992.

I am pleased to report that I recently became a cosponsor of this important legislation. As I mentioned in my last letter to you, the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II was a particularly dark period in this nation's proud history. While no action can fully replace those lost years and the wholesale deprivation of the Constitution's due process guarantees, the Congress and President Reagan initiated a process of acknowledging and apologizing for this wrong by enacting the Civil Liberties Act in April 1988.

Additional resources may be required to fulfill the intent of the Act. To this end, I look forward to working with you to send S.2553 to the President before the end of the 102nd Congress.

Thank you once again for your continued interest in this matter.

Sincerely,


JOHN SEYMOUR
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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