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Re: Postage Stamp to Honor Japanese American World War II Soldiers, "The Nisei"

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Please support the nationwide effort for a United States commemorative stamp to honor a historic group of American patriots that are at the heart of our nation's military history: Americans of Japanese ancestry who fought in World War II. These Americans served mainly in the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion / 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, and Military Intelligence Service (M.I.S.). Also commonly called the "Nisei" (or second generation, American-born children of Japanese immigrants), this group of soldiers is one of the shining examples of patriotic sacrifice in our nation's history, for these men served with outstanding valor despite war hysteria and racism against them, including incarceration in internment camps—as documented in the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, signed into law by President Ronald Reagan. The Postal Service has issued similar stamps honoring minority veterans, remembering Latinos in uniform in "Hispanic Americans: A Proud Heritage" (1984), and the special African American Army unit, "Buffalo Soldiers" (1994). The Nisei soldiers of World War II have set an extremely high benchmark for our Armed Forces, and theirs is a proud legacy. The 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team is the most highly-decorated unit for its size and length of service in U.S. military history. The Military Intelligence Service's key role in the Pacific, using their knowledge of the Japanese language and culture to help fight the enemy, is estimated by General Douglas McArthur's intelligence chief to have shortened the war by at least two years and saved countless lives in the process. Please support the stamp proposal to honor the Japanese American "Nisei" World War II soldiers soon. Thank you.

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Sincerely,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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