

**AMACHE  
PRESERVATION  
SOCIETY**



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The Honorable Jay Obernolte  
1029 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Japanese American World War II History Network Act

Dear Congressman Obernolte,

On behalf of the Amache Preservation Society (APS), I am writing this letter in support of the Japanese American World War II History Network Act. Legislation to preserve, produce and distribute educational materials about the Japanese American experience during WWII is of paramount importance for the education of teaching civil liberties and tolerance within the United States. The education of students young and old about the tragedy experienced by the Japanese Americans of losing guaranteed rights established within our Constitution by an Executive order needs to be taught. The information that will be distributed will help students understand how Japanese Americans were treated as United States citizens. This information needs to be taught at every level to make sure this tragedy never happens again.

The Amache Preservation Society was formed in 1993 by a group of high school students, their high school history teacher and administration. The group's initial focus was to preserve information and interview former Amacheans before they were gone and the information would be lost forever. The APS has currently established a wealth of information, but only visitors to the Amache Confinement Site are able to view much of that information. There is a need for the collection of educational materials and pertinent information that pertains to all Confinement sites as well as the Department of Justice Camps. A network will preserve and distribute appropriate materials where they are needed.

The Amache Preservation Society has always wanted to do what was best for the Japanese American families that had to endure Amache. The Japanese American World War II History Network Act will help all families of this great nation with the understanding of how civil liberties should always be preserved no matter what race or ethnic background they may be. The Japanese American experience can never be forgotten for the future of our great nation. People learn from mistakes and this mistake should never be forgotten for the sake of our country and the future of our children.

Best regards,

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