

July 12, 1989

Valerie O'Brien  
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US Dept of Justice  
Washington DC

Dear Ms. O'Brien:

I am writing regarding the Redress Provision for persons of Japanese Ancestry on my behalf and persons in the same situation. I was born June 15, 1944 in Chicago, Illinois. My parents were in camp in Jerome, Arkansas until approx 3 months before I was due, but my mother didn't want my birthplace to be a war camp, so my parents went to Chicago because it was permissible to leave camp and seek work in certain areas, but not to return home to Los Angeles CA.

I feel that those of us in this situation should be eligible for redress, since persons of Japanese ancestry (and their children) were still not free to pursue their lives - the government was determining where they could go and under what conditions - in my parents' case Chicago to seek work.

I called your office with this info July 12 and was told I am not eligible. I truly feel this is unfair and unjust and should be remedied.

Yours truly,

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