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Individual letters sent to :

- 1) SENATOR DANIEL INOUE
- 2) REPRESENTATIVE NORA MINOZA
- 3) REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT MATSUI

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent to several members of JACL/LEC earlier this year. One of those members, Mr. Grant Ujifusa, was kind enough to respond, and informed me that unfortunately, due to the wording of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, I am not eligible for redress. He did mention the possibility that wording to include those with "special circumstances" (such as those conceived in camp but born outside, non-Japanese Americans who went to camp with their Japanese-American spouses, those who voluntarily relocated, etc.) could possibly be included with the legislation to appropriate more funds for redress which was made necessary because more people than originally believed to be eligible were identified. Is there any hope of this or any other corrective measure being taken to include those currently being excluded from the Civil Liberties Act due to a technicality in the circumstances of their cases?

I feel that somehow there must be something that can be done to make redress a reality for those in this situation. Too many have fallen by the wayside already - those who died before the Act went into effect, those who have and those who will die before the first letter of apology is written or the first dollar is disbursed.

As I wrote to Mr. Ujifusa, I do not know who to go to or what to do, and maybe this is an impossible dream, especially since, as some would point out, redress is a reality for many, and there are always bound to be a few who fall through the cracks. I just don't believe this should be the case. Somewhere in the legislative process, the opportunity must exist to make the system work more efficiently and make the phrase "justice for all" ring truer. I would appreciate any insight, information and direction you can give me regarding this matter.

Yours truly,

*Senator Inouye replied  
(see copy of "replies received")*

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*Rep. Mineta - no reply*

*Rep. Matsui - no reply*