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Art Jacobs

Mr. Jacobs:

Thank you for writing to me regarding the gathering on Ellis Island on December 8th, 2009 in observance of the 68th anniversary of the internment of the first German Americans under the U. S. Government's Alien Enemy Control Program.

As you recall, the House of Representatives passed a resolution, H. Res. 122, in 2007 to formally acknowledge that German Americans were branded as enemy aliens, subjected to travel restrictions, seizure of personal property, and worse -- internment.

I was pleased to support this resolution.

The inhumanity that took place during World War II was a tragedy and I agree that we should respect the memory of those who suffered.

Please be assured that I will continue to closely monitor this subject as it comes up in Congress.

Again, thank you for contacting me in regard to the important issue. Please feel free to contact me again should you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Harry E. Mitchell".

Harry E. Mitchell
Member of Congress

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