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Dear JACL Supporter,

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is pleased to hold its 2010 National Convention in Chicago on June 30-July 3, 2010. Chicago was a beacon of opportunity for Japanese Americans who were displaced from their homes by their unjust incarceration in internment camps during World War II. They migrated to Chicago from those desolate camps in pursuit of jobs, housing and a friendlier place to re-establish roots, raise families and build a community.

Founded in 1929, JACL is the oldest and largest Asian American organization in the United States concerned with issues of public policy, education and leadership. Our history is replete with legislative accomplishments that have protected and benefited Asian Americans and ultimately our country. We've dismantled discriminatory barriers such as alien land laws, provided for naturalization rights for Japanese immigrants and obtained federal remedies for the unjust incarceration during World War II.

The JACL was founded to protect Japanese Americans from the onslaught of discrimination and racism directed at the community in the 1920s. Today the JACL continues to respond to acts of defamation and bigotry; however, we recognize the need to deepen public acceptance of diversity within our multicultural society by publishing educational materials about the history and achievements of Asian Americans, and training teachers to present these materials in schools.

We look to the future by devoting considerable resources for leadership programs for youth. These programs are designed to empower and train future leaders to appreciate the achievements of their ancestors and to inspire their commitment to be involved in community service. We do this by reaching out to high schools and colleges to provide leadership training, informative workshops and opportunities for hands-on experience through internships and fellowships.

We look forward to welcoming the hundreds of JACL members and supporters as well as prominent members of Congress and the White House who will attend the 2010 JACL National Convention in Chicago.

We especially look forward to your support to assist us in carrying out our important work that stops intolerance, educates about the value of diversity and promotes leadership for future generations. Thank you for your consideration in supporting the 2010 JACL National Convention and with it, the mission and work of the JACL.

Sincerely,

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CEO, National Executive Director

Megan Nakano
President, Chicago JACL