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The Honorable Frank F. Blas, Jr.
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Dear Senator Blas:

Please accept my sincere apology for the delayed response to your letter. Thank you for contacting me to urge support for H.R. 1595, the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act. I appreciate hearing from you.

As you well know, on December 7, 1941, Guam suffered under a fierce attack from Japanese forces that resulted in the deaths of thousands citizens. Under occupation for 31 months, the people of Guam were subjected to execution, incarceration, forced marching, and internment, many suffering physical and emotional pain that can still be felt today among victims and their families.

On March 20, 2007, Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU) introduced H.R. 1595, which outlines a plan to recognize Guam's suffering and to make reparations to Guam World War II veterans and their families. This bill has not yet been introduced in the Senate. However, I will be sure to keep your support for H.R. 1595 in mind when this bill comes before the Senate.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



Barack Obama
United States Senator