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Dear Dr. Schemm:

Thank you for writing me to express your views on my legislation. I appreciate hearing from you on this matter and welcome the opportunity to respond.

As you are aware, I have introduced the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Latin Americans of Japanese Descent Act (H.R. 4901). I understand your concern that German and Italian Latin Americans, who also experienced similar abduction and internment as Japanese Latin Americans, were not included in my bill. You may be interested to know that currently, there is a bill that would create a commission to review U.S. government wartime treatment of European Americans and European Latin Americans as well as the Jewish Refugees. "Wartime Treatment Study Act (H.R. 3198)," introduced by Rep. Robert Wexler (FL-19), would require the commission to review civil liberties violations resulting from enforcement of the Alien Enemies Acts. Please know that I support this initiative as much as I support my legislation. Many European and Japanese Latin Americans were robbed of their freedom as they were kidnapped from nations not directly involved in World War II. We must review directives of the United States military forces and the State Department requiring the relocation, detention in internment camps. It is the right thing to do to affirm our commitment to democracy and the rule of law. My colleagues on the Executive Board of Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus have consistently supported measures that will give redress to German, Italian and Japanese Latin Americans.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me. Enclosed, please find a copy of H.R. 3198 for your review. I hope to partner with you and the German World Alliance in the future for these worthy endeavors.

Sincerely,

XAVIER BECERRA  
Member of Congress