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Dear NSRC supporters and friends,

No doubt about it, we are living in difficult times. The impact of the financial crisis, in particular, has been wide-ranging, touching global multinational corporations, governments at all levels, small businesses, and, more important, already economically vulnerable families and children.

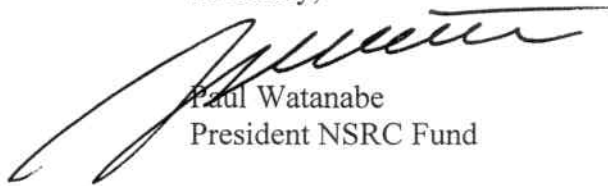
Given these circumstances a reasonable course of action for the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund might be to pull back its efforts, to ride out the storm. Some have suggested that we should momentarily suspend the granting of scholarships and to refrain from asking our past friends and supporters and potential new contributors to dig into their pockets and send us a check.

Although this approach may be appealing, we are rejecting it. Instead, we are moving ahead now, as we have for nearly 30 years, to provide \$50,000 of scholarship awards to students desiring to continue their education after high school. Now more than ever, we owe it to these students and their families. We also owe it to those courageous individuals and organizations, who during World War II, when the Japanese American community was in the midst of its bleakest hours, took a stand and made it possible for young people to leave the internment camps and attend college. Fortunately, over 65 years ago, there were those who fought the temptation to use crisis as an excuse for inaction. They realized that it is unconscionable to snuff out the dreams of young people to better themselves and by extension improve the well-being of their families, their neighborhoods, and their nation.

What was true then remains true today. While all of us have been impacted by the recent state of affairs, we cannot lose sight of the fact that the capacities to weather the storm are not shared equally. We cannot let crisis be an excuse for retreat. It is in crisis that our fundamental beliefs and values are put to the test. This is true for a nation, and it is true for all of us who are concerned about the moment. We must not lose sight of the future.

So, if you have experienced economic losses, I hope that your prospects will brighten in the months ahead. For others, I ask you with greater urgency than ever before to contribute to the Nisei Student Relocation Commemorative Fund. The need is great, the cause is important, and our determination to turn tragedy into opportunity remains steadfast and unshakeable.

Sincerely,



Paul Watanabe
President NSRC Fund



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