

The Honorable John Doe  
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United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Hyphened-America

Dear (XXXXXX)

As your constituent, I urge you to support the effort to end American people of color from being miscatoragized as Hyphened-Americans.

The Constitutions preamble states, "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Being categorized as a hyphened American goes against the very foundation of what our country was built upon. It does not work toward "forming a more perfect union", it works against, "establishing justice." It has done the opposite of, "insuring domestic tranquility." It does not "promote the general welfare of its citizens", nor has it succeeded in "securing the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."

Former Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson were both anti-hyphen proponents. President Theodore Roosevelt stated, "The American birthright is the birthright of all of us; and it is a shame and a disgrace for any man to barter it for so poor a mess of pottage as is implied in that kind of hyphenated citizenship which means that the individual tries to be a half-way citizen of two lands and forfeits the right to be a whole citizen of any land."

President Wilson was similarly distressed by the term "hyphenated American." His belief was that "Any man who carries a hyphen about with him carries a dagger that he is ready to plunge into the vitals of this Republic whenever he gets ready."

Please let me have your assurance you will work on behalf of myself, people of color, and all Hyphened-Americans to ensure our country will no longer be a Hyphened-Nation™

Sincerely,

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