COPY OF A LETTER URGING REPEAL OF THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT, ADDRESSED TO EACH
GEORGIA MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

We, the undersigned, are convinced that one of the important lessons
to be learned from our experience in this global war is that serious atten-
tion must be given to the whole system of international relations. Too long
we have lived in a world where each nation was exclusively occupied in the
promotion of its own interest, and too often indifferent to the ideals and
aspirations of other equally great nations.

We believe this is the time for our government to adopt a more
generous attitude towards the aspirations of other peoples, especially those
associated with us in the struggle for freedom. Humanity is more than a
community of nations - it is a community of individuals, and the comradeship
of this present struggle is bringing home to all of us a new realization of the
unreality of the barriers of separation that have divided the nations
which are now united in the preservation of freedom.

China is a great nation and our worthy Ally. Under conditions of
extraordinary difficulty the gallant leaders of China have built a modern
nation in which four hundred and fifty millions of people held together by
common traditions and ideals are making their contribution to the principles
of Democracy as expressed in the Four Freedoms.

For 160 years, the traditional friendship between the people of China
and America has never been marred by misunderstanding. In countless ways
China has demonstrated its eagerness to cooperate with the United States in
the building of a democratic world society. With us they struggle for a
better world and count not their lives dear. Surely no one can ever again
question China's rightful place among the free and independent nations of
the world. We have been inspired by her courage and strengthened by her
sacrifice for the preservation of democratic ideals. It is our considered
opinion that the recognition of the worth and dignity of the Chinese people
is a vital element in the successful prosecution of the war, and in giving
security to whatever plan may be evolved for world peace.

The repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act will be our recognition of
the right of the Chinese people to take their proper place in a progressive
world society. The failure to repeal this Exclusion Act would give offense
to a fine and sensitive people and weaken the structure of world security.

We, therefore, appeal to you as our chosen representative in the
National Congress to give careful attention to the Bill now pending to repeal
the Chinese Exclusion Act and by your vote to grant the honorable people of
this great nation the rights which are accorded other sovereign nations.

Sincerely yours,

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David Marx, Rabbi, The Temple
Arthur J. Moore, Bishop of the Methodist Church
Mrs. Audley Morton, President, Georgia Council of Church Women
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Note: The repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act would place China on the same
basis as other nations in regard to our immigration laws. The quota
system of the Immigration Act would accord right of entry to about
100 Chinese each year.