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The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
531 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C., 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
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Senate Committee on Appropriations  
522 Hart Senate Office Building  
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Dear Chair Merkley and Ranking Member Murkowski:

As your committee develops its fiscal year (FY) 2023 appropriations bill, I write to request that you provide \$505,000 for the Amache National Historic Site. On March 18, 2022, the President signed the Amache National Historic Site Act into law to designate a former Japanese American incarceration facility outside of Granada, Colorado, as part of the National Park System.

Funding will support the first year of operations and five staff at this newly authorized site. Although the original buildings associated with the incarceration camp were removed or demolished after Amache closed in 1945, several have since been reconstructed or returned to the site. According to the National Park Service, the cemetery, a reservoir, a water well and tank, the road network, concrete foundations, watch towers, the military police compound, and trees that the internees planted still remain and will require maintenance.

Robust funding for the Amache National Historic Site in its inaugural year will ensure future generations have the opportunity to learn about what happened at Amache and the Americans who were interned there. We have a responsibility to carry their legacy forward.

I look forward to working with you to ensure funding for this important site.

Sincerely,



U.S. Senator Michael F. Bennet