

## SAMPLE LETTER

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Dear Mr. Morikoshi,

We are \_\_\_\_\_, an organization in the United States who supports the Japanese teachers who refuse to obey the Hiromaru and Kimigayo directives. It is unjust that they are being severely punished for their refusal to obey a militaristic and unconstitutional mandate. It is a serious insult to educational freedom that they are forced to do something that they feel is morally wrong, and that demands obedience in the name of "patriotism."

We urge you to take immediate and strong action to protect and support Ms. Kimiko Nezu who faces an unjust dismissal in March and hundreds of teachers who also face job punishments and fines. Your constitution includes Article 9 supporting a world of peace and a sustainable future. The teachers, union members, and concerned citizens of the United States join you in the hope to diligently pursue peace in our lives and the educational lives of youth.

We urge you to protect the teachers who are opposing the Hiromaru and Kimigayo directives.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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