

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 24, 2019

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As Members of the Southern California delegation of the U.S. House of Representatives, we write to urge you to address the escalating trade dispute between Japan and South Korea and proactively mediate between our Japanese and South Korean allies, echoing the letter sent to you by our colleagues, House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Eliot Engel and Ranking Member Mike McCaul.

As our House colleagues note in their September 20, 2019 letter to you, high-level U.S. leadership is required to resolve the disputes, involving two crucial U.S. allies. Without taking sides, the United States needs to help both allies untangle their differences.

We also recall H.Res. 127, a resolution with Engel and McCaul, and the bipartisan leaders of the House Foreign Affairs Asia Subcommittee Representatives Brad Sherman and Ted Yoho. H.Res. 127 expressed the importance and vitality of Japan and the Republic of Korea's alliances with the United States and trilateral cooperation.

The deteriorating relations between our allies has the potential to dramatically impact Southern California economically; ensuring the continued trilateral cooperation between the United States, Japan, and South Korea is also of utmost importance to our communities and U.S. national security. With the approach of the next planned trilateral meeting of U.S., Japanese, and Korean defense ministers in Thailand next month, now is the time for the United States to help re-build the bridges between our partners.

Sincerely,



Brad Sherman
Member of Congress



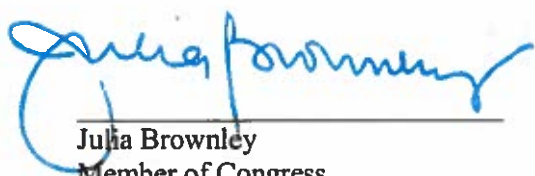
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