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Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki
Embassy of Japan
2520 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20008

Ambassador Fujisaki:

It is with deep sadness that I learned of the massive earthquake and tsunami that devastated Japan a few short hours ago, resulting in catastrophic loss. Let me extend my sincere condolences to you and to the people of Japan.

As you know, Seattle has proudly cherished its special relationship with Japan since the first visit by then-Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko in 1960 and we mourn with you at this tragic time.

As you know, I have chaired the US-Japan Legislative Exchange Program since its formation and have worked tirelessly to bring our two nations even closer. On behalf of my colleagues in the US – Japan Legislative Exchange Program, my constituents, and the American people, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Jim McDermott