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Matsui Statement on Earthquake in Japan, Tsunami in Pacific

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA) issued the following statement today after an 8.9 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami struck Japan, triggering tsunami warnings across the Pacific Ocean, including California:

“The images of destruction in Japan are devastating. My thoughts and prayers are with the people of Japan, and their loved ones around the world.

“I encourage any of my constituents who may be traveling or know someone traveling in Japan or any of the affected areas to call my Sacramento office for assistance. I also encourage any of my constituents who may be traveling to follow all warnings and protocols issued by our emergency management agencies and their employees.”

Sacramento residents who need assistance are encouraged to call the Congresswoman’s Sacramento office at (916) 498-5600; or (001) (916) 498-5600 from outside the U.S. or Canada.

- U.S. citizens in Japan are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at the following website: <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy/Consulates to contact them in case of emergency.

- Family members can also e-mail inquiries to the State Department at JapanEmergencyUSC@state.gov or call the State Department toll free at 1 (888) 407-4747 from the U.S. or Canada.

- If you have concerns about a specific U.S. citizen in the Tsunami zone outside of Japan, you can contact the Department of State at PacificTsunamiUSC@state.gov

Because things could change very quickly and at any time, please continue to check the Department of State's travel website at <http://travel.state.gov>

For more information about how the federal government can help you or someone you know, please visit Congresswoman Matsui's website. As always, the Congresswoman and her staff available to assist her constituents or their families with any issue involving a federal agency.

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