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Mohammed Hashim, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Hashim,

A member of the Japanese Canadian community contacted the National Association of Japanese Canadians regarding the CRRF Statement in response to the murder of Asian women in Atlanta. <https://www.crrf-fcrr.ca/en/news-a-events/articles/item/27368-our-worst-fears-realized>

She says, “I write today as I feel there has been a gross omission in the recent statement by the CRRF in response to the murder of the women in Atlanta (March 17 “Our worst fears realized”) which reflects a deep disconnect with the founding of the organization... The CRRF would not exist if it were not for the Japanese Canadian community standing up in Parliament and speaking out against the racist policies of the federal government that saw their lives forever changed due to forced uprooting, family separation, divested of all businesses and property, interrupted schooling at the elementary, high school and university level. Hate for Japanese Canadians was spread across Canada by B.C. politicians of the day, and we were exiled in our own land or to a land most had never seen...The CRRF came out of this pain and injustice... It is deeply concerning that the CRRF fails to even mention the words “Japanese Canadian” in the entire statement.”

The National Association of Japanese Canadians would like to know how these concerns will be addressed in future communications.

Sincerely,

Lorene Oikawa  
President