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Whereas we welcome a visit by the President to Hiroshima, this visit should not be void of the full history of Hiroshima. This history is first and foremost about the most devastating war in world history where more noncombatants died than combatants. It is about American and Allied soldiers, sailors, Marines, and airmen who fought for peace in Asia.

It is about a war started by Japan. And for the visit to be solely aspirational and focused on nuclear weapons avoids the hard truths of what it means to fight for freedom against a tyrannical militarist regime.

We call on the President to work with Prime Minister Abe to create a memorial at the Port of Moji, Kyushu, where most American and Allied POWs arrived by “hell ship” to Japan for slave labor.