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## ASIAN AMERICANS FOR ACTION 43 WEST 28th STREET/NEW YORK, N.Y. 10001

August 22, 1974

Representative Shirley Chisholm The House of Representatives Washington, D.C.

Dear Congresswoman Chisholm,

We are gratified to see that you have introduced a bill, H.R. 2894 which will finally, after 29 years, enable American citizens who were victims of American H-Bombs dropped on Hiroshima Nagasaki, to seek relief from the effects of radiation injuryes.

We are sending the first of a batch of petitions strongly supporting this measure. We commend you for introducing this important list and trust that we urge you to bend every effort to see that this important bill is passed. You will work hard to be it passed.

Very Sincerely yours,
Asian Americans for Action

#### 93D CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2894

### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 1973

Mr. Roybal (for himself, Ms. Abzug, Mr. Brown of California, Mrs. Burke of California, Mr. Burton, Mrs. Chisholm, Mr. Corman, Mr. Drinan, Mr. Edwards of California, Mr. Hechler of West Virginia, Mr. Leggett, Mr. Melcher, Mr. Mitchell of Maryland, Mr. Rees, Mr. Riegle, and Mr. Wolff) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

## A BILL

- To provide reimbursement to certain individuals for medical relief for physical injury suffered by them that is directly attributable to the explosions of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, in August 1945 and the radioactive fallout from those explosions.
- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That (a) the Secretary of the Treasury shall make pay-
- 4 ments, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise ap-
- 5 propriated, to any citizen of the United States or any individ-
- 6 ual who has been admitted to the United States for perma-
- 7 nent residence who establishes to the satisfaction of the Direc-

- 1 tor of the Office of Emergency Preparedness that he suffered a
- 2 physical injury that is directly attributable (1) to the
- 3 explosions of either of the two atomic bombs dropped by
- 4 the United States on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, in
- 5 August 1945, or (2) to the radioactive fallout from those
- 6 explosions. Such payments shall cover expenses incurred
- 7 after the date of enactment of this Act in the United States,
- 8 as defined by section 102(2) of the Disaster Relief Act of
- 9 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4402(2)), by such citizen or individual
- 10 for the remedial treatment of such injury, including hospital,
- 11 doctor, and similar medical expenses.
- 12 (b) Nothing shall be appropriated under this Act for
- 13 any part of such expenses incurred for the treatment of such
- 14 injury if such citizen or individual received compensation
- 15 from insurance or any other source for such part.
- 16 SEC. 2. Not more than 10 per centum of the amount
- 17 appropriated in this Act shall be transferred, directly or
- 18 indirectly, to any attorney or other agent as consideration
- 19 for services rendered at any stage of this claim, any contract.
- 20 or other agreement to the contrary notwithstanding. Any
- 21 person violating the provision of this subsection shall be fined
- 22 not more than \$1,000. I add to menitio vus of belianging 6