



**CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

801 9TH STREET, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20220

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The Honorable Janet Yellen  
Secretary of the Treasury  
Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington DC 20220

Dear Madam Secretary:

The Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) held a public meeting on November 28, 2023, during which the CCAC reviewed reverse candidate designs for the 2025 Native American \$1 Coin honoring Mary Kawena Pukui. Pukui is the first Native Hawaiian to be honored with a Native American \$1 Coin. As background information regarding this program will accompany this communication, this letter details the CCAC's recommendations.

Joining the CCAC in discussing these designs were Pelehonuamea "Pele" Harman, great-granddaughter of Mary Kawena Pukui; La'akea Sukanuma; grandson of Mary Kawena Pukui; Dodie Browne, granddaughter of Mary Kawena Puki; and Halena Kapuni-Reynolds, Associate Curator at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian with a focus on Native Hawaiian History and Culture.

The discussion with the liaisons was extensive. Based upon their input, the CCAC voted unanimously to recommend reverse candidate design **2025-MKP-01B**, which shows stylized depictions of water as a background element and depicts Mary Kawena Pukui wearing an aloha print garment and a kukui nut lei and holding a kukui nut lei. This design was one of those favored by at least one of the liaisons.

Like many other members of the CCAC and collectors of the Native American \$1 Coins since the inception of the program in 2009, we are enthusiastic about the addition of the 2025 coin, honoring the first Native Hawaiian.

Sincerely,

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