

June 23, 2022

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 with ten of the 11 members participating in person and one via videoconferencing on June 14, 2022, during which the CCAC made recommendations for the obverse and reverse candidate designs for the Congressional Gold Medals for the United States Capitol Police and those who protected the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.

Public Law 117-32 awards four Congressional Gold Medals of appropriate design to the United States Capitol Police and those who protected the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. In accordance with the Public Law, gold medals will be presented to the United States Capitol Police (USCP), the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia (MPDC), the Smithsonian Institution, and the Architect of the Capitol. The design of the medals are emblematic of the service and sacrifice of those who risked their lives to uphold democracy on January 6, 2021.

Common inscriptions and design elements across obverse designs include "JANUARY 6TH, 2021" and a depiction of the United States Capitol building with a flag at half-staff. Common inscriptions and design elements across reverse designs include "ACT OF CONGRESS 2021", "HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF THOSE WHO PROTECTED THE U.S. CAPITOL", and a depiction of the Statue of Freedom.

The CCAC was joined by Lt. Michael Weight, U.S. Capitol Police, who is the primary liaison for the Congressional Gold Medals to the United States Capitol Police and those who protected the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Of the five candidate obverse designs, the CCAC recommended **CP-O-2** with a score of 33 out of the 33 maximum. This design features the windows of the Capitol Rotunda on the border and is the preferred design of the Speaker of the House, the primary liaison, the USCP, and the MPDC.

Of the 11 candidate reverse designs, the CCAC recommended with a score of 33, the maximum possible, the reverse design **CP-R-6C**. This reverse design features the service badges of the USCP and MPDC, an American flag, and the inscription "Act of Congress 2021." This is also the preferred design of the Speaker of the House, the primary liaison, the USCP, and the MPDC. The CCAC recommended unanimously obverse **CP-O-2** and reverse **CP-R-6C**.

There are very few occasions in which the CCAC has had the opportunity to make recommendations of designs with greater historical significance than those that are the subject of this communication. For this reason, the CCAC was emotionally affected and felt especially privileged to provide its recommendations for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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