Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

801 Ninth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20220



November 14, 2018

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin Secretary of the Treasury Department of the Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Mnuchin,

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2018, to review and discuss the obverse and reverse designs for the American Veterans Medal.

After thoughtful discussion, members of the Committee brought forth two preferred obverse designs. The first, AV-O-03, portrays a bald eagle spreading its wings as it prepares for flight, five stars representing the five branches of the U.S. Armed Services, and the inscription "CELEBRATING AMERICA'S VETERANS." The second design, AV-O—04, depicts a figure representing dignity, glory, and honor, presenting a chaplet along with the inscriptions "HONORING AMERICA'S VETERANS." AV-O-03 design received 16 of a possible 33 first place votes. AV-O-04 received 15 of a possible 33 first place votes. Due to the close score and support for both designs, the CCAC opted to put forth both obverse designs as recommendations.

The CCAC recommends reverse AV-R-08 depicting a field of stars symbolizing all American veterans. A lone incused star below the field represents the veteran who has made the ultimate sacrifice in defending our country. The absence of this star in the field conveys the supreme sense of loss to the Nation. The inscription "SERVICE AND SACRIFICE" is featured. This reverse design received 20 out of a possible 33 first place votes.

Best regards,

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Acting Chairman, CCAC

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