



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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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 October 24, 2023, during which the CCAC reviewed candidate designs and made recommendations for the obverse and reverse of the Benjamin Berell Ferencz Congressional Gold Medal. As background information regarding this program will accompany this communication, this letter details the CCAC's recommendations.

To assist the CCAC in its review, the CCAC was fortunate to have the participation of Don Ferencz, the son of Benjamin Ferencz, who was the liaison for this program and shared his comments remotely. The CCAC reviewed a portfolio of twenty-two obverse candidate designs and the fifteen reverse candidate designs presented by the United States Mint.

Following interesting input from Mr. Ferencz, the CCAC voted unanimously to recommend obverse candidate design **BF-O-01B** and reverse candidate design **BF-R-04A**. By separate motion, the CACC recommends that these designs be adopted with periods removed. In addition, the CCAC requested that the United States Mint provide additional clarification of the meaning of the five battle stars for the sake of educating the public and veterans.

**BF-O-01B** depicts Benjamin B. Ferencz at a podium during the Nuremberg trials and features the additional inscription, "1920-2023." **BF-R-04A** prominently features the inscription "LAW NOT WAR" above the scales of justice surrounded by olive branches and includes five stars to represent Ferencz's military service. Both of these candidate designs are favored by the family and the US Commission on Fine Arts.

As a US Army veteran from a different era, I was pleased to learn of Mr. Ferencz's phenomenal accomplishments and courage during and after World War II. On behalf of the CCAC, we are thankful to continue our participation in the process of recommending designs that will reveal for many Americans the patriotic efforts in the history of the United States. Partly because I am a veteran, I intend to purchase a bronze replica of this Congressional Gold Medal when it becomes available.

Sincerely,

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