October 27, 2015

The Honorable Jack Lew
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Lew:

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 to review proposed obverse and reverse designs for the Pueblo of Laguna and St. Regis Mohawk Code Talkers Recognition Congressional Gold Medal Programs.

Mindful of the wishes of the Pueblo of Laguna remaining members, the Committee selected Pol-CRM-O-2a as the obverse and PoL-CRM-R-05 as the reverse. The obverse features a crouching code talker, and the reverse shows the additional tribal clan symbols of “Big Turkey” and “Little Corn” incorporated into the design.

The St. Regis Mohawk designs, Mohawk – O-02 and Mohawk – R-08, were selected unanimously through a motion after consultation with Chief Ron Lafrance Jr. The obverse depicts a crouching code talker, with Mohawk tribal clan symbols of bear, wolf and snapping turtle incorporated. The stunning reverse features a realistic figure with the Mohawk kustowa headdress, war club, Mohawk Wolf Belt and bear claw necklace.

The Committee is pleased with these designs and that we have honored the wishes of the tribes.

With best regards, I am

Mary Lannin
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Dear Secretary Lew:

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 to review proposed reverse designs for the 2017 and 2018 Native American $1 Coin Program.

Sequoyah was the subject for the 2017 coin. As a member of the Cherokee Nation, he devised the first syllabary for any Native American tribe. The chosen 2017-NA-R-02 design received 19 of 27 possible votes. A profile of Sequoyah, pictured with a quill pen, shows him creating the original characters. His name is written before him in Cherokee script. The design was modified by a motion to replace “Cherokee Syllabary” with “Cherokee Nation” and to separate the words Sequoyah and Cherokee Nation with a seven-pointed star, emblematic of the tribe.

The 2018 Native American $1 coin features Jim Thorpe of the Sac and Fox tribes, who many believe to be America’s greatest athlete, competing in not only baseball, football and basketball, but representing the United States in the 1912 Olympics, winning gold medals for the decathlon and pentathlon. 2018-NA-R-10 was the overwhelming favorite of the Committee, garnering 25 out of a possible 27 votes. This design highlights Thorpe in football gear, against a silhouette of his ancestor, Chief Black Hawk. A successful motion was made to move Jim Thorpe’s name from the face of the silhouette next to his native name, Wa-Tho-Huk.

The Committee was pleased with the scope of the designs and feel that appropriate reverses have been chosen for 2017 and 2018.

With best regards, I am

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Dear Secretary Lew:

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) was held on Thursday, October 8, 2015 to review proposed obverse and reverse designs for the 2017 Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Program.

The preference of the stakeholder and favorite of the Committee was LC-O-02, a realistic portrait of Lions Clubs founder Melvin Jones, augmented by the universally recognized Lions Clubs logo.

The Committee felt this obverse was best paired with LC-R-05a, featuring a pair of lions set against a globe, symbolic of Lions Clubs’ world-wide reach in their mission to aid the blind and visually impaired.

These inspirational designs make a strong statement and the Committee feels they represent the mission of Lions Clubs International.

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Dear Secretary Lew:

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) was held on Thursday, October 8, 2015 to review proposed reverse designs for the 2017 America the Beautiful Quarter Program.

The 2017 Ozark National Scenic Riverways (Missouri) reverse MO-02 generated the highest score of 25 out of a possible 27 votes. This clean design features a kayaker paddling down a river, observed by a turtle poking its head out of the water. The members felt that this innovative design merged the human and natural world sharing and enjoying the river.

The recommended 2017 Frederick Douglass National Historic Site (District of Columbia) design was DC-01, receiving 21 out of 27 votes. This animated design depicts Douglass lecturing at a podium and this synthesizes the man in representing the site. The Committee felt that the emotion conveyed in this design was more powerful than the designs including his home.

Forward motion coupled with determination led the Committee to choose IN-10 for the reverse of the 2017 George Rogers Clark National Historical Park (Indiana). The design depicts Clark and two companions wading through deep water before their attack on Fort Sackville. This vigorous design received 22 out of 27 votes.

The Committee did not recommend designs for Effigy Mounds National Park (Iowa) and Ellis Island (Statue of Liberty National Monument-New Jersey); instead, we asked the United States Mint to generate additional designs for future consideration.

With best regards, I am

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