

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

801 Ninth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20220



February 26, 2016

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

Dear Secretary Lew:

A telephonic meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 to review proposed obverse and reverse designs for the 2017 Ellis Island (Statue of Liberty National Monument) and Effigy Mounds National Monument America the Beautiful Quarters Program.

The 2017 Effigy Mounds designs had two strong contenders, with IA-09 receiving 17 out of 27 possible votes, and IA-02 a strong second with 14 votes. While the realistic Peregrine Falcon (IA-02) drew the praise of many Committee members, it was felt that the focus of the design should be on the mounds themselves. Realizing the difficulty of rendering over life-size earthen mounds, the Committee felt that IA -09, depicting variations on an aerial view of part of the Marching Bear group best showed the iconic nature of the park.

Several of our Committee members have close family ties to Ellis Island, and in the discussion of designs it was noted the importance of the American flag to the immigrants as they first arrived in the United States. Design NJ-05A, encapsulating the past-a mother looking behind her-the present-a father looking resolutely forward-and the future-a smiling boy carrying the American flag, all in front of the Hospital Building on Ellis Island, received 19 of a possible 27 votes.

Best regards, I am

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary N. Lannin'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'M' and a long, sweeping tail.

Mary N. Lannin
Chair