June 30, 2016

The Honorable Jacob J. 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 Monday, June 27, 2016 in Colorado Springs, CO to review the proposed obverse and reverse designs for the Barack Obama Presidential Medal.

By unanimous vote, obverse BO-Tl-0-01, featuring a larger head of President Obama turned slightly left and paired with the single reverse BO-Tl-R-01, was selected for President Obama’s First Term Presidential Medal. The reverse features the Great Seal and is inscribed “Our Destiny Is Not Written For Us, It Is Written By Us”, with the date January 20, 2009.

In the same vote, the traditional left-facing profile obverse of President Obama BO-T2-0-0l paired with the reverse BO-T2-R-02 was selected for President Obama’s second term Presidential Medal. This second reverse positions the phrases “We the People”, “We Shall Overcome” and “Yes We Can” encircled in the lower half of the medal, and provides a pleasing overall balance to the medal, with the White House in the upper half. Underneath the White House is the date January 20, 2013.

Our Committee was honored to vote on these designs.

Best regards, I am

Mary N. Lannin
Chair
July 25, 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 public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (Committee) was held on Monday, June 27, 2016, at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado, during the American Numismatic Association Summer Seminar. This locale served to increase the number of interested public attendees.

The Committee reviewed proposed 2018 reverse designs for the 2018 America the Beautiful Quarters Program, and the following designs were recommended:

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore (Michigan) - reverse MI-12, with 25 of a possible 33 votes, depicting Chapel Rock with the white pine growing atop.

Voyageurs National Park (Minnesota) - reverse MN-06, with 20 votes, showing a common loon, the Minnesota state bird, with a rock cliff in the background.

Cumberland Island National Seashore (Georgia) - reverse GA-03, with the highest total of 30 of a possible 33 votes, showing a loggerhead turtle diving beneath the waves along an undeveloped beach on Cumberland Island.

Block Island National Wildlife Refuge (Rhode Island) - reverse RI-10, with 26 votes, features a piping plover, emphasizing the island’s importance as a bird sanctuary, on the beach in front of the iconic North Light lighthouse.

On a motion during the committee meeting, the CCAC requested that the Mint provide additional designs for the reverse for the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore (Wisconsin).

Our Committee is honored to be involved in selecting the designs for this ongoing series for the America the Beautiful Quarters Program.

Sincerely,

Mary N. Lannin
Chair