June 23, 2017

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 Wednesday, June 21, 2017, to review and discuss the reverse designs for the 2019 and 2020 Native American $1 Coin Program.

The theme for the 2019 $1 coin is Native Americans in the Space Program. Viewing and discussing a variety of interesting adaptions of this theme, the Committee selected NA-2019-08, featuring three golden eagle feathers, honoring the achievements of John Herrington (Chickasaw), Mary Golda Ross (Cherokee) and Jerry Elliott (Osage and Comanche). The planets of the solar system float between the feathers: Venus, Earth with its moon, Mercury, Mars and Jupiter. This design received 19 of a possible 27 votes.

The theme for the 2020 $1 coin is Elizabeth Peratrovich and Alaska’s Anti-Discrimination Law, which marks its 75th anniversary in 2020. Again, with a variety of exceptional designs, the Committee voted for NA-2020-09, incorporating the distinctive Pacific Northwest style of art in the form of a raven perched on the door of equality, holding the key to unlock the door in its beak. As in the previous year’s choice, this design received 19 of a possible 27 votes.

For each of these reverses, we were guided in the interpretation of the symbolism by one of our Committee members, Dr. Herman Viola, Curator Emeritus of the Smithsonian Institution and a specialist on the history of the American West and American Indians.

Best regards, I am

Mary N. Lannin

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