



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

801 9TH STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20220

June 23, 2022

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 with ten of the 11 members participating in person and one via videoconferencing on June 14, 2022, during which the CCAC made reverse design recommendations for the 2024 American Innovation \$1 Coin Program. All coins in this program share a common obverse of the Statue of Liberty and are inscribed “\$1” and “In God We Trust.”

Public Law 115-197, the American Innovation \$1 Coin Act (Act), requires the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue \$1 coins with a reverse design honoring innovation or innovators from each of the 50 states, the territories, and the District of Columbia. In accordance with the Act, the United States Mint (Mint) worked with the Governors of the states being honored in 2024 to develop design concepts for the coins. These concepts have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The CCAC was joined by Mr. Lee LoBue, Deputy Chief of Staff for Executive Appointments and Agency Personnel, Office of Illinois Governor JB Pritzker, who is the liaison from the State of Illinois; and Ms. Lee Sellers, Director of Special Projects, Office of Alabama Governor Kay Ivey, who is the liaison from the State of Alabama.

Illinois: The CCAC received eight candidate reverse designs honoring the innovation of the steel plow and seven candidate reverse designs honoring the innovation of the Eder-Berry biopsy attachment. The CCAC discussed the significance of each of these innovations. The steel plow sparked both the migration of Americans to the Midwest and the beginning of the industrial age in agriculture.

Dr. Leonidas H. Berry, an African-American gastroenterologist, invented the Eder-Berry biopsy attachment, allowing doctors to more safely and effectively collect tissue from the upper digestive system and lead to other innovations in medicine preventing, diagnosing, and treating diseases and cancers of the upper digestive system. This innovation set the stage for other medical advances leading to preventing, diagnosing, and treating diseases and cancers of the lower digestive system.

Focusing on the design candidates, **IL-01**, features a large steel plow blade affixed to a right-handed beam and braces. Behind the plow is a stand of Big Bluestem prairie grass and a field of soil below. The inscription “STEEL PLOW” rounds out the design. The CCAC recommended this design with a score of 30 out of a maximum of 33 points.

Alabama: The CCAC received 11 candidate reverse designs honoring the Saturn V rocket, designed and built at the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Initially developed to support the Apollo program for human exploration of the Moon, a total of 13 Saturn V rockets were launched between 1967 and 1972 from the Kennedy Space Center with no loss of crew or payload.

The candidate design **AL-01** depicts the power and force of the Saturn V rocket lifting off with the Moon in the background along with the inscriptions “United States of America” and “Alabama.” This design received a score of 30 of a possible 33 points. The CCAC recommended unanimously this design and that the United States Mint consider adding the inscription of “Saturn V” and using the font inspired by the NASA logotype.

Once again and on behalf of the CCAC, it is an honor for the CCAC to continue its participation in the design process of this ongoing series. As a collector of this series, the addition of the 2024 reverse designs to this program will continue the attractiveness of the American Innovation Dollar to the numismatic community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence S. Brown, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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