



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

801 9TH STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20220

October 17, 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 on September 27, 2022, during which the CCAC made recommendations for the obverse and reverse candidate designs for the Greg LeMond Congressional Gold Medal. With this letter, I present the CCAC's recommendations.

Public Law 116-208, the Greg LeMond Congressional Gold Medal Act, awards a Congressional Gold Medal to Greg LeMond in recognition of his service to the nation as an athlete, activist, role model, and community leader. LeMond first competed in the Tour de France in 1984, finishing third, and finishing second the following year. In both years, he deputized himself to his teammates, sacrificing a chance to win himself to boost his teammates toward victory.

LeMond completed his professional career having won two World Championships, three Tour de France championships, and 22 titles overall. More than any other cyclist, LeMond personified the "breakaway" culture of American cycling in the 1970s and 1980s, attempting to accomplish feats no other American had achieved. LeMond has not only reached the pinnacle of international sport, but also has devoted his time and resources to assisting his fellow athletes. LeMond has demonstrated the commitment to excellence, generosity, community, and tenacity that makes him an example for all to follow...a commitment and tenacity exemplified by his guiding principle, "Don't ever give up, it doesn't get easier - you just get faster." His career is also noteworthy for advocating a clean sport, standing-up against cheating in sports.

Common inscriptions of the six obverse candidate designs feature "GREG LEMOND", "TOUR DE FRANCE", and "1986, 1989, and 1990", the years of his Tour De France victories. Common inscriptions of the six reverse candidate designs feature the inscriptions "ACT OF CONGRESS 2022", "1979, 1983, 1989," the years of his World Championship victories, "WORLD CHAMPION", and "DON'T EVER GIVE UP, IT DOESN'T GET EASIER - YOU JUST GET FASTER."

1. Of the six obverse candidate designs, the CCAC recommended obverse design **GL-O-11**, which received a score of 27 out of a maximum 33 points and which featured Mr. LeMond in action, riding past the Arc de Triomphe. This obverse design was also preferred by Mr. LeMond and was recommended by the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts.

2. Also, with a score of 27 out of the maximum 33 points, the CCAC also recommended reverse candidate design **GL-R-05**, which depicts a textured globe representing road asphalt with bicycle chain links and inscriptions around the outer border. This design also includes the inscription of “WORLD CHAMPION” and a shortened version of LeMond’s quote, “IT DOESN’T GET EASIER-YOU JUST GET FASTER.” This reverse design was also preferred by Mr. LeMond and the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts.

The CCAC is honored to have had the opportunity to participate in the review of the designs of the first Congressional Gold Medal to be awarded to a world renowned former cyclist. As a former member and Board Chair of the United States Anti-doping Agency, dedicated to the opposition of performance-enhancing drugs or cheating in sports, also advocated by Mr. LeMond, it was especially gratifying for me to have participated in the review of the designs of this Congressional Gold Medal.

Sincerely,

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

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