June 18, 2019

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 Tuesday June 18, 2019 to review and discuss the obverse and reverse designs for the Steve Gleason Congressional Gold Medal.

Clare Durrett, Associate Executive Director for Team Gleason shared with the committee that Mr. Gleason’s preferred design for the obverse is SG-O-07, which features a portrait of Steve Gleason along with the inscription “Steve Gleason” and “Act of Congress 2018.” For the reverse, Mr. Gleason prefers SG-R-03 with the following edits: Mr. Gleason requests that the design be shifted down to show more sky and an enlarged moon. He would like to see “Act of Congress 2018” removed (as it is on his preferred obverse design) and “Keep Exploring “placed on an arc along the bottom of the design. This reverse design is emblematic of Gleason’s childhood in the Pacific Northwest, representing a life time of travel and exploration. The inscription “Keep Exploring” is an important phrase throughout Gleason’s life representing both his travel and his journey with ALS.

All members of the committee agreed that a medal featuring obverse SG-O-07 and reverse SG-R-03 would create a fitting tribute to Steve Gleason.

Motion was passed unanimously to recommend SG-O-07 and SG-R-03.

Best Regards,

Thomas Uram, Chairperson
CCAC
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Dear Secretary Mnuchin,

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) was held on Tuesday June 18, 2019 to review and discuss the obverse and reverse design of the Anwar El Sadat Congressional Gold Medal.

The committee discussed fourteen potential obverse designs and fourteen potential reverse designs. Ezra Friedlander represented the Anwar Sadat Family and is the official program liaison. The family reviewed the candidate designs and expressed preferences for obverse design AS-O-04 and reverse design AS-R-02.

All members of the committee agreed that obverse number AS-O-04 would be fitting tribute to Anwar El Sadat. The uniqueness of the design features a dramatic portrait of Anwar El Sadat with the portrait sculpted in the manner of ancient Egyptian relief. The committee agreed with the family's preference of AS-R-02. The design depicts the Unknown Soldier Memorial and Anwar El Sadat's tomb with the inscriptions “HE LIVED FOR PEACE AND DIED FOR PRINCIPLES,” “ANWAR EL SADAT 1918-1981,” and “ACT OF CONGRESS 2018.”

The motion was passed unanimously to recommend designs AS-O-04 and AS-R-01.

Best Regards,

Thomas Uram, Chairperson  
CCAC

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