



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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The Honorable Scott Bessent
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mister Secretary:

The Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) held a public meeting via video conference on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, during which the CCAC made several recommendations for future coin and medal programs that will be included in the Fiscal Year 2025 CCAC Annual Report later this calendar year.

In accordance with 31 U.S. Code § 5135, the CCAC is charged with advising the Secretary of the Treasury with regard to the events, persons, or places to be commemorated by the issuance of commemorative coins in each of the five calendar years succeeding the year in which a commemorative coin designation is made.

The CCAC working group has been meeting for several months to consider what themes would draw a broad general public interest, congressional interest, and the interest of both national and international collectors. The working group, led by Mr. Arthur Bernstein, brought several of the ideas for upcoming years to the full CCAC on July 22nd. The full Committee discussed the recommendations from the working group and voted unanimously to move them forward.

Commemorative Coin Program Recommendations:

- **Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)**—to recognize the 40th anniversary of the ADA in 2030.
- **Peace Corps**—to recognize the 70th anniversary of the creation of the Peace Corps in 2031. President Kennedy established the Peace Corps in 1961 by an Executive Order, which was subsequently authorized by Congress.
- **Stonewall Uprising**—to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in 2029, which was the genesis for a movement with worldwide impact. A program to commemorate this movement might feature one or more of the leaders of the movement on the obverse and the Stonewall Tavern on the reverse.
- **Endangered Animals**—a commemorative coin program that would highlight species on the endangered list, calling attention to the challenges faced by those animals, and providing an opportunity for certain animal protective groups to be identified as a potential recipient organization for the program. The 60th anniversary of the Marine Mammal Protection Act is



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2032, and 60th anniversary of the Endangered Species Act is 2033. An endangered animals series could also be considered for a circulating coin program.

Circulating Coinage Recommendations:

- **\$2, \$5 and \$10 value circulating coins**—the CCAC recommends seeking authorization for the issuance of higher value circulating coins available for spending to renew the relevancy and role of coinage in the American economy as a cost-effective medium of exchange. This approach has been adopted by many other countries.
- **American Media and Entertainment**—the CCAC recommends that at the conclusion of the youth sports quarter dollar program in 2030, a new theme be introduced to celebrate a wide variety of American culture on circulating quarter dollars, which would celebrate great American musicians, classic films, and classic television series.

Gold Coin Recommendation:

- **Gold coins celebrating past gold coin designs**—the CCAC recommends the production of gold coins reminiscent of the \$2 1/2 gold Indian Head Quarter Eagle, \$5 Indian Head Half Eagle, the \$10 gold Indian Head Eagle and the \$20 gold Saint-Gaudens Double Eagle, all of which were introduced for circulation in 1907 and 1908. This recommendation includes new wording on the edge of the coins and producing them on the same 22K (.9167 fine) planchets as the American Gold Eagle bullion coins.

One Cent Coin Recommendation:

- **One Cent Coins in Mint and Proof Annual Sets**—with the planned cessation of one cent production, the CCAC recommends that the Mint use the remaining existing supply of planchets, and possibly using the older type of bronze planchets, to include one cent coins in Mint sets and Proof sets sold to the public in future years until the supply of planchets is exhausted.

Medal Recommendations:

- **Historic U.S. Mints**—a series of bronze and/or silver medals to memorialize the Mint facilities of the U.S. The series would include the historical Mints located in eight cities across U.S. history, with some cities having more than one facility. In addition, this would provide the opportunity to commemorate the U.S. Mint once located in the Philippines, perhaps with a joint issue with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.
- **American Architecture**—a series honoring great American architects and featuring some of their works.



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- **Iconic American Animals and Wildlife**—a series honoring noteworthy animals that are strongly associated with the United States. These include, for example, the American Alligator, Red Wolf, Olympic Marmot, and the California Condor.
- **The Natural World**—a series to celebrate plant and animal life from the nation's various regions. Examples include the berries of New England, the flowers of Hawaii, and the cacti of the Southwest.

The CCAC is pleased to present these recommendations. It is an honor to be able to contribute to the nation's legacy in coin and medal programs.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter van Alfen
Chairperson
Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

cc: Chairman and Ranking Member, House
Financial Services Committee
Chairman and Ranking Member, Senate
Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee