



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

801 9TH STREET, NW
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November 24, 2025

The Honorable Scott Bessent
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Mister Secretary:

The Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) held a public meeting on November 18, 2025, during which the CCAC reviewed the candidate designs for the Congressional Gold Medal awarded to Shirley Chisholm in recognition of her activism, independence, and groundbreaking achievements in politics; her election as the first African American woman in Congress; and her campaign to be the first African American to gain the nomination of a major political party for President of the United States. This Medal is authorized by Public Law 118-150.

On a motion that was unanimously approved, the CCAC recommends obverse **SH-O-01** and reverse **SH-R-02**, both of which are the liaisons' preferred designs. In addition, and with the liaisons' consent, the CCAC recommends that on the obverse of the medal the inscription "I am, and always will be a catalyst for change" be replaced with Chisholm's presidential campaign slogan "Unbought & Unbossed". The CCAC also recommends, again with the liaisons' consent, that the inscription "Act of Congress 2024" be added to the medal. The placement of this inscription is at the discretion of the Mint.

It is an honor to serve as the Chair of the CCAC and I am proud of the CCAC's role in the production of United States coins and medals.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter van Alfen
Chairperson
Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee