



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

801 9TH STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20220

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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 October 24, 2023, during which the CCAC reviewed candidate designs and made recommendations for the 2025 American Women Quarter program. The obverse of the American Women Quarters will continue to feature Laura Gardin Fraser's profile of George Washington. As background information regarding this program will accompany this communication, this letter details the CCAC's recommendations.

The first reverse portfolio that the CCAC reviewed for 2025 American Women Quarter program was that honoring Stacey Park Milbern. For the discussion of the seven reverse candidate designs, the CCAC was joined by Jean Milbern (mother and Executor of Stacey Park Milbern), Joel Milbern (father of Stacey Park Milbern), Jessica Milbern (sister of Stacey Park Milbern), and David Milbern (brother of Stacey Park Milbern). Following a robust discussion, the CCAC recommended unanimously reverse design **SPM-02A**, which depicts Milbern speaking to an audience. She places one finger on her trachea while her right hand faces palm up, in a gesture meant to evoke a genuine exchange of ideas and the building of allyship. The additional inscription is "DISABILITY JUSTICE." This design is also preferred by the family and the U.S. Commission of Fine Art (CFA).

The second reverse portfolio reviewed for 2025 American Women Quarter program was that honoring Ida B. Wells. Michelle Duster, the great granddaughter of Ida B. Wells and Daniel Duster, the great-granddaughter of Ida B. Wells joined the CCAC remotely for discussion of the nine reverse candidate designs. After a fulfilling conversation, the CCAC recommended unanimously reverse candidate design **IBW-06** adding the necklace jewelry and substituting "JOURNALIST, SUFFRAGIST, CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST" for the inscriptions "JOURNALISM, SUFFRAGE, CIVIL RIGHTS". This design features Ms. Wells as she gazes courageously and proudly towards the future and is also preferred by the family and the CFA.

The reverse designs honoring Ms. Juliette Gordon Low was the third American woman portfolio reviewed by the CCAC. The CCAC was fortunate to have Ms. Shannon Browning-Mullis, the Executive Director of Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace, join the discussion in reviewing the ten reverse candidate designs.

The CCAC supported reverse candidate designs **JGL-01** and **JGL-07**, each with a score of twenty out of a maximum thirty-three points. After further extensive discussion, the CCAC voted, by a narrow margin, to recommend **JGL-07**, which is also a preference by the liaison and is favored by the CFA. **JGL-01** depicts Juliette Gordon Low with three Girl Scouts presenting the Girl Scout sign. The girls are dressed in uniforms representing the 1910s, 1940s, and 1960s. Low stands behind them symbolizing the continuity and growth of the organization she founded and her dedication to helping girls build leadership skills, find their voice, and explore diverse activities. **JGL-07** depicts Juliette Gordon Low next to the original Girl Scout Trefoil. On the outer rim is the additional inscription “FOUNDER of the GIRL SCOUTS of the,” which is paired with the required inscription “UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.”

Dr. Vera Rubin was the fourth woman recognized. Joining the CCAC during its review of the four reverse candidate designs, were David Rubin, Karl Rubin, and Allan Rubin, sons of Dr. Vera Rubin. Following an in-depth conversation between the CCAC and the liaisons, the CCAC voted to recommend candidate design **VR-03**, with greater differentiation of the inscription “United States of America” from the inscription “Dark Matter”. This design is one preferred by one of the sons. **VR-03** is a profile of Dr. Rubin gazing upward, smiling as she contemplates the cosmos. She is surrounded by a spiral galaxy and other celestial bodies.

The fifth reverse portfolio for 2025 reverse designed honored Ms. Althea Gibson. Mr. Donald Felder, who is the cousin and executor of Althea Gibson’s estate, joined the CCAC to review the nine reverse candidate designs. After an extensive discussion, the CCAC supported reverse candidate design **AG-04B**, which while not the initial preference of Mr. Felder, he agreed that it had merit. This design features a depiction of Ms. Gibson lunging with her tennis racket and includes the additional inscription of “Trailblazer.”

While this letter signifies the last of the American Women’s Quarter program, on behalf of the CCAC, please accept our appreciation for the honor for making recommendations from a phenomenal range of designs for this historic series recognizing American women. We are thankful for the role we have played in telling the stories via coins to be discussed and appreciated by Americans for years to come.

Sincerely,

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

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