



**CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

801 9TH STREET, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20220

February 29, 2024

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 February 27, 2024, during which the CCAC reviewed the 2026 Semiquincentennial circulating coins one cent and five cent portfolios. As part of the celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the formation of the United States of America in 1776, the United States Mint, authorized by the *Circulating Collectible Coin Redesign Act of 2020* (Public Law 116-330), will be issuing either slightly modified or fully redesigned circulating coins for 2026. The one cent and five cent coins will be slightly modified with either the addition of a special privy mark, a double date (1776 – 2026), or both.

The CCAC was provided several options of privy marks and date ranges on the one cent and five cent coins. Out of a possible score of 24 points, the CCAC scored the simple Date Range option with no privy mark for both the one cent and five cent coins 13 points, the highest score of all options. This recommendation of the CCAC aligns with that of the Commission of Fine Arts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter van Alfen", written in a cursive style.

Peter van Alfen, PhD, CCAC Chair