

## CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

801 9TH STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20220

October 21, 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 October 15, 2024, during which we reviewed the candidate designs for the obverses of the 2026–2028 American Eagle Platinum Proof Coins. The American Eagle Coin Program, established in 1986, offers a range of gold, silver, platinum, and palladium bullion coins to investors, alongside proof and uncirculated versions for collectors. Of particular distinction are the American Eagle Platinum Proof Coins, introduced in 1997, and bearing the highest denomination of \$100 for any U.S legal tender coin. Imprinted with the "W" mark of the Mint at West Point, these coins are struck on one ounce of 99.95 percent premium platinum. Since 2018, a common reverse design has united the coins, featuring an eagle in flight carrying an olive branch.

Launching in 2026 to coincide with the nation's Semiquincentennial, the United States Mint will produce the "Charters of Freedom" Platinum Proof Coin Series. The "Charters of Freedom" series, inspired by the National Archives Museum's Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom, where these treasures are housed, will consist of three platinum proof coins produced over three years, each dedicated to one of the three essential documents to the founding of the United States: the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

Following a review process that included CCAC input during our July 2024 public meeting, the Mint invited three artists to revise their 2026 designs and to develop candidate designs for the second and third installments of the "Charters of Freedom" series. The Mint presented coherent sets of three obverses for 2026, 2027, and 2028, each highlighting one of the foundational documents that have guided the United States through its 250 years of history.

At our public meeting, the CCAC reviewed the three sets. By a motion that passed unanimously by voice vote, the CCAC recommends obverse **PTP-01-D-01A** for the 2026 coin. In the same motion, the CCAC also indicated its preference for **Set 01**, of which the recommended obverse is a part. In addition, by motion, the CCAC requested the opportunity to review **PTP-01-C-01** (for 2027) and **PTP-01-B-01** (for 2028) at future public meetings for any recommended alterations to the designs.



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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,

Peter van Alfen, PhD, CCAC Chair