



# Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

801 Ninth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20220

October 27, 2015

The Honorable Jack Lew  
Secretary of the Treasury  
Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Lew:

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 to review proposed reverse designs for the 2017 and 2018 Native American \$1 Coin Program.

Sequoyah was the subject for the 2017 coin. As a member of the Cherokee Nation, he devised the first syllabary for any Native American tribe. The chosen 2017-NA-R-02 design received 19 of 27 possible votes. A profile of Sequoyah, pictured with a quill pen, shows him creating the original characters. His name is written before him in Cherokee script. The design was modified by a motion to replace "Cherokee Syllabary" with "Cherokee Nation" and to separate the words Sequoyah and Cherokee Nation with a seven-pointed star, emblematic of the tribe.

The 2018 Native American \$1 coin features Jim Thorpe of the Sac and Fox tribes, who many believe to be America's greatest athlete, competing in not only baseball, football and basketball, but representing the United States in the 1912 Olympics, winning gold medals for the decathlon and pentathlon. 2018-NA-R-10 was the overwhelming favorite of the Committee, garnering 25 out of a possible 27 votes. This design highlights Thorpe in football gear, against a silhouette of his ancestor, Chief Black Hawk. A successful motion was made to move Jim Thorpe's name from the face of the silhouette next to his native name, Wa-Tho-Huk.

The Committee was pleased with the scope of the designs and feel that appropriate reverses have been chosen for 2017 and 2018.

With best regards, I am

Mary Lannin  
Chair

