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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Bill Hagerty
Chairman Subcommittee on Financial
Services and General Government
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member Subcommittee on
Financial Services and General Government
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Hagerty and Ranking Member Reed,

In 2020, my colleagues and I were planning for our Nation's Semiquincentennial, in part by passing the **Circulating Collectible Coin Redesign Act of 2020 Act** (P.L. 116-330)¹ to authorize new circulating coins to honor 250 years of our great Country. We are deeply disappointed that the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury Department with the agreement of the Acting Director of the Mint scrapped previously approved designs emblematic of pivotal moments in American history in exchange for coins featuring President Donald Trump and historical events that occurred more than 162 years ago.² We are also alarmed that Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has worked with the White House to approve a commemorative coin featuring President Trump and are permitting him to sign U.S. currency.

None of these acts are legal or appropriate for a sitting President and inconsistent with historical precedent. While the bust of living monarchs and dictators have appeared on circulating world coins, a living President has never appeared on a circulating United States Coin. In fact, George Washington strongly opposed having his image on U.S. coins during his presidency, viewing it

¹ Circulating Collectible Coin Redesign Act of 2020, Pub. Law No. 116-330, 134 Stat. 5101, 5112(y) (2021), <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/1923/text>.

² [https://www.wsj.com/politics/policy/trump-administration-scraps-plan-to-mint-quarters-featuring-abolition-suffrage-073583d4?](https://www.wsj.com/politics/policy/trump-administration-scraps-plan-to-mint-quarters-featuring-abolition-suffrage-073583d4?hpid=hp_hp-top-table-main-trump-administration-scraps-plan-to-mint-quarters-featuring-abolition-suffrage_073583d4&hpid=hp_hp-top-table-main-trump-administration-scraps-plan-to-mint-quarters-featuring-abolition-suffrage_073583d4)

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as a contradiction to the war for independence from Kings.³ Placing the bust of a living president on a commemorative or circulating coin contradicts who we are as a nation.

We request that any funding bill includes this programmatic language prohibiting the Department of Treasury, the U.S. Mint and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing from placing the image or signature of a current President on U.S. coins and currency:

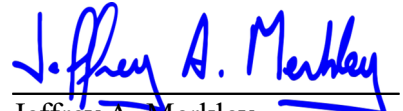
Congress prohibits the Department of the Treasury, U.S. Mint and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing from minting any circulating or collectible coin with the likeness or signature of the sitting President or any living former President. No United States coin may be minted unless the design for that coin has been reviewed and recommended by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee. The signature of the sitting President may not appear on any United States currency or security.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senator



Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator



Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator



Ruben Gallego
United States Senator



Richard Blumenthal
United States Senator



Bernard Sanders
United States Senator

³ P. Helen, The Man, the Money. The Man, The Money. Little Coin Company. February 18th, 2022. <https://blog.littletoncoin.com/the-man-the-money/>



Elizabeth Warren

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