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The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin
Secretary of the Treasury
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Mnuchin,

I urge you to reconsider your decision to delay the release of the Harriet Tubman twenty-dollar bill. Much of our progress as a nation—most notably in the struggle for freedom and equal rights—can be attributed to the sacrifices of this American hero. Dorchester County, Maryland is incredibly proud to be a steward of Harriet Tubman’s lasting legacy, but her influence reaches far beyond the borders of our great state.

Originally slated to be unveiled in 2020, the release of the Harriet Tubman twenty-dollar bill would have enhanced our celebration of the centennial of women’s suffrage and the “Year of the Maryland Woman.” I am incredibly disappointed to hear that now, citizens across Maryland and the country will instead have to wait nearly a decade for this new bill to reach general circulation.

Harriet Tubman’s countless contributions to our nation transcend race, gender, nationality, and religion. She dedicated her life in selfless service to others and to the cause of freedom. Her unbelievable acts of heroism, courage, and sacrifice have more than earned her rightful place among our nation’s most pivotal leaders. She deserves this honor.

I hope that your department will reconsider its decision and instead join our efforts to promptly memorialize Tubman’s life and many achievements. Please feel free to contact me or Maryland’s Director of Federal Relations Tiffany Waddell at tiffany.waddell@maryland.gov for additional information or if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,



Larry Hogan
Governor

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