



INSPECTOR GENERAL

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON

June 21, 2019

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Schumer:

I am responding to your June 19, 2019 letter to former Treasury Inspector General Eric M. Thorson in which you requested that the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) Office of Inspector General “investigate the circumstances surrounding the Department of Treasury's decision to delay redesign of the \$20 note featuring the portrait of Harriet Tubman, including any involvement by the White House in this decision.”

We have reviewed your request, our work plans, and our available resources, and believe that this issue can be incorporated into an audit engagement that is about to get underway.

Our Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2019 includes a job on the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) Project Management Process for New Note Design. We are expanding the objective of this engagement to include security features. Our audit objective is to determine whether BEP is properly implementing security features into the currency as part of its counterfeit deterrence program and incorporating tactile features and high-contrast numerals in future currency designs to improve meaningful access for blind and visually impaired individuals in accordance with requirements approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

As part of this work, we will interview the stakeholders involved in the new note design process. These stakeholders include senior executives from Treasury, BEP, the Board of Governors of the

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Federal Reserve System (Board), United States Secret Service and the Board's Currency Technology Office.

I believe this approach will efficiently address the concerns expressed in your request. It will specifically include review of the process with respect to the \$20 bill. If, in the course of our audit work, we discover indications of employee misconduct or other matters that warrant a referral to our Office of Investigations, we will do so expeditiously.

We expect that this engagement will take approximately 10 months in order to complete fieldwork, draft a report and discuss it with all relevant and affected offices, and generate a finished product. We will keep you apprised of our progress.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 202-927-3973 or [delmarr@oig.treas.gov](mailto:delmarr@oig.treas.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Delmar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Rich Delmar  
Acting Inspector General  
Department of the Treasury