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Honorable Jake Garn, Chairman
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Urban Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20510

Testimony Offered by
Mrs. George Busiek
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Subject: S.42, the 98th Congressional
version of the American Gold
Eagle bill, introduced by
Senator Jesse Helms

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am deeply grateful and honored to have this opportunity to speak to you on behalf of the coin design I have offered for use on the AMERICAN EAGLE GOLD COIN proposed by S.42, introduced by the Honorable Jesse Helms.

I am truly convinced that you, this distinguished body and your colleagues in Congress, possess the wisdom and courage to lead our nation to a solution of this complex economic crisis and, as in the case of a critically ill patient, we trust the physician to perform the necessary surgery and administer the proper medication. It is a proven fact, however, that the will to live and the strength to survive comes from the spirit within and this desire can be greatly influenced and nurtured by loving, caring family and friends.

That is why I am here today. You are the leaders and I am simply a citizen of this great nation. May this humble symbolic tribute in a place of high and lasting significance for all the world to see, represent you, our leadership, and all the caring citizens. As the painful economic recovery process begins, this symbol can be a means of reaching out a hand to a lonely senior citizen, a man without a job, or an angry teenager questioning the future, to say, "you are top priority, we care about you, take heart for there is hope!"

That tiny space on the surface of a solid gold coin could carry a powerful message. I urge you to seize this timely opportunity to give honor and encouragement to our families, senior citizens and young people as well as a timeless message of hope and strength, unity of purpose and optimism for the future that is our great heritage and example for the entire world.

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I would like to offer this design as a gift to the United States Government on a totally unconditional basis with no desire for remuneration or personal recognition.

This design is accompanied by letters of endorsement from a sample bipartisan cross section of distinguished citizens in order to show the enthusiastic reaction from the people it will represent. In addition, I have been told by bankers and numismatic experts that the design's symbolism on a U.S. gold coin would greatly enhance its marketability and cause it to be highly sought after as an investment, collector's item and a gift for presentations and special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, Bar Mitzvahs, graduations, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas, etc.

I am making this proposal to you as a private citizen and my motivation is purely one of patriotism and desire to be of service in affirming and encouraging the people of our great nation.

It is my pleasure to place this design into the hands of the most capable and talented Ms. Elizabeth Jones, the Chief Sculptor and Engraver of the U.S. Mint, for further development if, at which time it is indeed adopted as the reverse design for the American Gold Coin.

Thank you very much for the privilege of this opportunity.



Mrs. George S. Busiek