

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND, et al.,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	
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v.	)	Case No. 1:02-cv-00864-BAH
	)	
STEVEN T. MNUCHIN, Secretary of the	)	
Treasury,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	

**DEFENDANT’S TWENTY-FIRST STATUS REPORT**

Defendant, by his undersigned counsel, hereby submits this Twenty-First Status Report pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Court’s Order and Judgment of October 3, 2008 (Doc. 96), and the Court’s Order of August 15, 2012 (Doc. 121), which require the defendant to file semi-annual status reports describing the steps taken to implement the Order and Judgment.

1. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing (“BEP” or “Bureau”) continues to make progress in providing meaningful access to United States currency, including by exploring the options contained in the three-pronged approach of (1) adding a raised tactile feature to each Federal Reserve note that the BEP may lawfully redesign, (2) distributing electronic currency readers for blind and other visually impaired U.S. citizens and legal residents, and (3) continuing the Bureau’s program of adding large, high-contrast numerals and different colors to each denomination that it may lawfully redesign.

2. BEP continues to pursue the creation of a durable, usable, and manufacturable tactile feature. The Bureau’s efforts in that regard since the filing of Defendant’s Twentieth Status Report on September 17, 2018 (Dkt. No. 166) are described in Defendant’s Supplemental Status Report, dated December 20, 2018, and its attachment (Dkt. No. 169), and in Defendant’s Response to Order of January 9, 2019, dated February 8, 2019, and its attachments (Dkt. No.

179). Those filings are incorporated herein by reference.

3. BEP continues to provide meaningful access to the currency for a large proportion of blind persons through a currency reader distribution program operated in conjunction with the National Library Service of the Library of Congress. As of March 25, 2019, the program has distributed approximately 69,612 readers.

4. BEP also continues to provide meaningful access for a large segment of the blind community through mobile device applications, which allow smartphones and similar devices to function as currency readers. The number of downloads of these applications continues to increase. The EyeNote app for Apple devices, which BEP developed, has been downloaded approximately 54,527 times. The IDEAL Currency Identifier app for the Android operating system has been downloaded approximately 21,941 times.

5. BEP continues to conduct extensive public outreach in connection with its meaningful access program, primarily to promote the currency readers. Most recently, BEP representatives attended the annual CSUN Assistive Technology Conference hosted by the Center on Disabilities of California State University, Northridge in March 2019. During the conference, BEP demonstrated and/or distributed currency readers to approximately seventy attendees and informed them about the BEP-sponsored mobile device applications. The Bureau also made contact with several organizations willing to publicize BEP's program and/or to distribute currency readers.

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