

**USAID Alumni Association requests your support for a U.S. commemorative coin recognizing the centennial of the U.S. Foreign Service, UAA Board, 5/20/2023**



## USAID Alumni Association

Dear UAA Colleague,

We would like to ask your support for a bill (S.789) that would direct the U.S. Mint to release a commemorative coin marking the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Foreign Service. It is jointly sponsored by Senators Chris Van Hollen (D-Maryland) and Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska). The coin will recognize a century of Foreign Service contributions to American security and prosperity and underscore the key role of diplomacy in protecting and advancing America's national interests.

For this bill to become law, support from constituents is essential. We hope that USAID alums can provide that support. In keeping with the Congressional calendar, the bill must have the support of 67 Senators by mid-June. The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training (ADST) is taking the lead on this effort, which is also backed by many other Foreign Affairs organizations. ADST advises that the most urgent step right now is to get a significant number of Republican senators and members of Congress to co-sponsor the bill. To this end, they have provided a sample template for messages that can be sent to your Senator (text below). Once S.789 passes the Senate, we will contact you with contact information for contacting your representative.

You can get more information, including a link to the text of S.789, at the ADST website (<https://adst.org/united-states-foreign-service-commemorative-coin-act/>). There are also attached documents with this message, providing information about how to contact your senators by mail, email, and phone.

Thanks for your consideration, and we hope you will let the Hill know of your support.

UAA Board, with special thanks to Jim Bever

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[Click here](#) to download a template text of a constituent email message which you can personalize and send to your Senator.

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