

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND, *et al.*

Plaintiffs,

v.

SCOTT BESSENT, in his official capacity as
Secretary of Treasury,

Defendant.

No. 1:02-cv-00864 (BAH)

DEFENDANT'S STATUS REPORT

Defendant, by his undersigned counsel, hereby submits this 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 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, through the three-pronged approach of: (1) adding a raised tactile feature ("RTF") 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. The RTF team completed the integration of the RTF on the next \$10 note, referred to as the Catalyst \$10 note. The complexity of the Catalyst notes stemming from a new security feature and design has required additional testing and calibration that has extended the anticipated

production schedule. The Catalyst \$10 note with RTF is now scheduled to be in production in 2027.

3. BEP has distributed more than 100,000 currency readers. As of September 3, 2026, the program has distributed approximately 120,656 iBill® electronic currency readers, and its customer service call center has handled 15,506 calls.

4. To assist in distributing those currency readers, BEP has established a total of 93 signed Memorandum of Agreements (“MOA”) with various entities in distributing currency readers to our constituents. Since the beginning of September 3, 2026, BEP has signed an additional MOA with the South Carolina Commission for the Blind.

5. BEP currently has 93 MOAs, with twenty-one (21) Network Regional and Sub-Regional Libraries, and eleven (12) Department of Veterans Affairs, Blind and Rehabilitation Centers.

6. 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. As of September 3, 2026, there have been a total of 229,953 mobile application downloads. The Eye Note® application for Apple devices, which BEP developed, has been downloaded approximately 172,958 times. The IDEAL Currency Identifier application for the Android operating system has been downloaded approximately 56,995 times.

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Respectfully submitted,

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