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**WOMEN ON 20s RESPONDS TO TREASURY'S OFFICIAL PLAN FOR THE \$10 AND \$20**

NEW YORK, April 20, 2016 – After more than a year of campaigning to convince the U.S. Treasury to replace the portrait of Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill with the face of a female American hero, Women On 20s is ready to claim victory, but only if Secretary Lew commits to issuing the new \$20 bill alongside the \$10 by 2020.

Secretary Lew's choice of the freed slave and freedom fighter Harriet Tubman to one day feature on the \$20 note is an exciting one, especially given that she emerged as the choice of more than half a million voters in our online poll last Spring. Not only did she devote her life to racial equality, she fought for women's rights alongside the nation's leading suffragists.

We are gratified to have sparked a conversation about the symbols and historical figures that define us as a nation. But until Secretary Lew commits to inclusion of women in the portrait gallery of paper currency in the near future, we see work ahead.

"What was to be a celebration of female American heroes for our 100th anniversary of inclusion in the democracy cannot be postponed," said Women On 20s Founder Barbara Ortiz Howard. "It's time to get the party started honoring women on the new \$10 and a new \$20 in time for 2020."

Women On 20s Executive Director Susan Ades Stone added, "We had been looking to this Treasury Secretary to put a woman front and center as soon as possible and powerfully inspire the quest for gender equality going forward. In recent days reliable sources were telling us we wouldn't see the redesigned \$20 until 2030. Assuming this is true, we see today's announcement as only a vague commitment and a continuation of the now familiar message that women have to settle for less and wait for their fair share."

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