

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 22, 2009

Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
attn: Chairperson Jean Picker Firstenberg
U.S. Postal Service
1735 North Lynn St., Suite 5013
Arlington, VA 22209-6432

Dear Ms. Firstenberg:

On behalf of Mr. Robert Seeley, we are writing to express our support for his commemorative stamp proposal to honor two station masters of the Underground Railroad, William Still and Thomas Garrett. The proposed "Together for Freedom" stamp would highlight how the Underground Railroad was made possible by individuals from different backgrounds working together in the united goal of freedom for humankind.

The team of Thomas Garrett, from Wilmington, Delaware and William Still, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, embody the cooperation that made the Underground Railroad a success throughout the country. Working across racial, economic, religious and political boundaries, Garrett and Still moved freedom seekers from the border state of Delaware through the free state of Pennsylvania and into safe communities in other states and Canada.

Through letters and records kept by pen pals, Garrett and Still, we are able to steal a glimpse into the secret universe of the Underground Railroad and personal accounts of some of the thousands of fugitive slaves they assisted to freedom.

We can think of no better way to commemorate the upcoming anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation than to issue the "Together for Freedom" stamp.

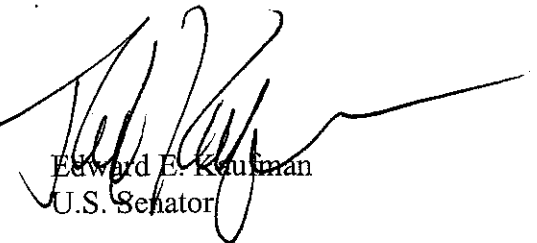
Sincerely,



Michael N. Castle
U.S. Representative



Thomas R. Carper
U.S. Senator



Edward E. Kaufman
U.S. Senator