



March 15, 2019

International Peace Arch Association
Christina Winkler
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Dear Ms. Winkler:

Thank you for your submission to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee expressing support for the issuance of a commemorative stamp honoring the International Peace Arch Association.

The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee reviewed this nomination at a previous meeting in 2018. After careful deliberation, they decided not to recommend stamp issuance. The Committee is responsible for reviewing stamp proposals and making recommendations to the Postmaster General. A limited number of stamp subjects are chosen for each yearly stamp program. Unfortunately, a vast majority of suggestions submitted, including many meritorious and meaningful subjects, cannot result in a stamp. This proposal can be resubmitted after the required three-year waiting period in January 2021.

Each year the Postal service receives thousands of letters and even more petitions suggesting hundreds of different topics for new stamps. The Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee was established in 1957 to review all suggestions and make recommendations to the Postmaster General. Committee recommendations are based on national interest, historical perspective and other criteria that can be viewed at: <https://about.usps.com/who-we-are/csac/criteria.htm>.

We appreciate your interest in our U.S. stamp program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn P. Quinn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Shawn P. Quinn
Manager (A)
Stamp Development