## DEAR U.S. TREASURY - My dog ate my money! Please print some more and send! I need it ASAP!



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Hey SB! Our dog, Kasey, recently ate \$47 in currency. We retrieved parts of a \$20 bill. I discovered there is a process for replacing "mutilated" currency or coins. I recently submitted the following letter to the Department of Engraving and Printing and have requested a replacement \$20 bill. I feel a little guilty since the government has been so reluctant to print new money, but it's my right as a citizen to at least try. P.S. I hope you had a happy holiday season! - Stefano Bachovich - obscure curmudgeon and wise political pundit - a prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything - my primary "go to guy."

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Department of the Treasury Bureau of Engraving and Printing Office of Currency Standards P.O. Box 37048 Washington D.C. 20013

Dear Experienced Mutilated Currency Examiner:

I am submitting two fragments of a \$20 bill for your kind consideration for replacement. Our family dog, Kasey, recently ate \$47 of our hard-earned currency, of which these are the two remaining fragments. This follows a previous rampage in which she ate \$63.

I would not be troubling you with this, but must do so since the total size of the two fragments is less than the 50% necessary for us to simply take them to a bank.



Of the two enclosed fragments, we found the lighter-colored one on the floor. Apparently this escaped Kasey's eye during her frenzied episode. The darker fragment before you was subsequently retrieved after it passed through her alimentary canal. This required special processing which I can detail for you if necessary to process my request. [I wish to apologize for not writing "Handle With Care" or "Caution: Hazardous Materials" on the envelope.]

Like many Americans, Kasey does not recognize the value of a dollar. It is no use suggesting that we train her not to do this again. She is 13 years old and, to coin a phrase, you can't teach an old dog new tricks— or, if you prefer, E Pluribus Unum, to phrase a coin.



The Federal Government may wish to consider hiring Kasey to sniff out hidden drug money. I would urge you, however, to first carefully place a muzzle on her as she would be very quick to gobble down same. This could create an awkward situation if the fragments of evidence were presented at trial. She would also likely be considered an unresponsive witness if asked to testify. So far she has refused to admit what we all know she did.

Thank you for your attention to this (fecal) matter.

s/Stefano Bachovich Minneapolis, MN