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The Digital Chamber commends Representative Amo (D-RI-1) and Representative Kim (R-CA-40) for their bipartisan leadership in introducing [H. Res. 1622](#), highlighting the transformative role of Distributed Ledger Technologies (DLT) in strengthening democracy, protecting human rights, and advancing global transparency. This resolution urges the U.S. Government to support the use of DLT to promote democratic values and internet freedom, serving as a formal expression of legislative priorities without carrying the force of law.

At a time when democratic values face unprecedented challenges worldwide, this resolution demonstrates the United States' commitment to harnessing cutting-edge technology to reinforce institutions that uphold freedom, accountability, and resilience.

A Vision for DLT/Blockchains and Democratic Empowerment

DLT offers tamper-resistant, transparent, and decentralized platforms for recording and verifying data, addressing critical issues of corruption, misinformation, and inefficiencies that sap democratic apparatuses of their efficacy. From securing digitized government documents to facilitating transparent financial transfers and combating censorship, blockchains have the power to create more accountable and equitable systems of governance.

Key applications outlined in H. Res. 1622 include:

- **Identity Management:** Establishing secure and portable digital identities, fighting fraud and identity theft, and securing borders.
- **Citizen Representation:** Enabling secure, transparent voting systems, reducing electoral fraud, and empowering citizens to participate in fair elections.
- **Land Registration:** Preventing fraud while increasing transparency and accessibility of real estate for consumers.
- **Aid Distribution:** Enhancing efficiency, reducing costs, and lowering reliance on intermediaries for individuals coping with humanitarian crises.

- **Censorship Resistance:** Empowering free expression by enabling decentralized platforms that protect access to information.

Why H. Res. 1622 Matters

By promoting the use of DLT in critical areas such as governance and sustainability, this resolution positions the United States as a global leader in ethical innovation. Key provisions include:

- **Government Engagement:** Encouraging agencies like the Department of State and USAID to support blockchain applications in democratic governance, diplomacy, and aid delivery.
- **Combating Censorship:** Recognizing blockchains as tools for securing internet freedom and supporting freedom of speech.
- **Responsible Leadership:** Urging U.S. policymakers to create frameworks that ensure ethical and sustainable uses of blockchain technology.

TDC Efforts

For years, TDC has advocated for integrating blockchain into public policy frameworks. We believe this technology holds immense potential to advance human rights and support democratic values, and we welcome legislative recognition to that effect. H. Res. 1622 aligns closely with these objectives, providing a roadmap for government agencies, private sector innovators, and civil society to explore the possibilities of DLT while addressing concerns about misuse and accessibility.

What's Next?

The resolution will need to be re-introduced in the 119th Congress. TDC invites all stakeholders to support this critical legislation and encourages the House to act swiftly in its passage. By championing H. Res. 1622, Congress can reaffirm its commitment to technological innovation that upholds democratic values, strengthens institutions, and promotes global human rights in the 119th Congress.



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