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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUSTOFF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) On September 16, 2020, the Securities and
6 Exchange Commission adopted a final rule amend-
7 ing Rule 15c2–11 under the Securities Exchange
8 Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.) which addresses
9 disclosures in the OTC markets and imposes re-

1 requirements upon broker-dealers who publish
2 quotations in such markets.

3 (2) Rule 15c2–11 was promulgated in 1971,
4 and has generally been understood to apply to OTC
5 equity markets since that time.

6 (3) The amendments to Rule 15c2–11 were
7 based on the economic analysis of OTC equity mar-
8 kets.

9 (4) The fixed-income markets are different in
10 structure and function than OTC equity markets.

11 (5) The fixed-income markets are critical to the
12 ability of thousands of corporations’ ability to raise
13 capital, and millions of consumers to obtain credit.

14 (6) On December 16, 2021, the Securities and
15 Exchange Commission issued a No-Action Letter
16 purporting to apply Rule 15c2–11 to fixed-income
17 markets in a manner that made significant changes
18 to long-standing regulatory requirements, without a
19 rulemaking process, without analysis of the costs
20 and benefits of the action, and without regard for
21 the input of the public.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCEPTION RELATING TO QUOTATIONS OF FIXED-**
2 **INCOME SECURITIES.**

3 Section 240.15c2–11 of title 17, Code of Federal
4 Regulations, shall not apply with respect to quotations of
5 fixed-income securities.

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