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GOOD VS BAD

Wyden-Lummis-Toomey Amendment

- Supports US crypto industry, keeping innovators here at home
- Technology neutral
- Ensures appropriate tax reporting
- Requires reporting only for groups that can comply

Effects & Consequences

- Centralized crypto exchanges would have to send out 1000s to their customers and send their customers' information to the IRS
- The effects of this amendment would preserve industry's ability to innovate and grow while simultaneously applying appropriate tax reporting requirements that will ensure that taxes are being paid
- This **would not** drive innovation and crypto investment because it only imposes reporting requirements on groups that can comply with them.
- This amendment excludes anyone acting as a validator of a cryptocurrency network, which is an appropriate exclusion given that no validators have access to the information that is required to be reported.
- This amendment remains technology neutral, allowing for free competition among different projects within the industry. The industry will be free to develop and innovate without being unnecessarily pigeonholed by arbitrary regulations.
- This will potentially increase the tax revenue because individuals will receive 1000s, which make it easier for them to file their taxes/they taxes on gains or realize losses.
- Green narrative** - this is greater because it doesn't force Fiat over PoW, is neutral and doesn't incentivize groups to use Fiat to avoid reporting requirements.

Warner Amendment

- Catastrophic to US crypto industry, driving innovators overseas
- NOT** technology neutral
- No tax revenue increase over Wyden amendment
- Imposes reporting requirements on those who can't comply

Effects & Consequences

- Centralized crypto exchanges - and potentially Fiat miners and software developers would have to send out 1000s to their customers and send their customers' information to the IRS
- The effects of this amendment would be more catastrophic to industry than the existing text within the digital asset provision of the bipartisan infrastructure bill.
- This **would** drive innovation and crypto investment because it imposes requirements on groups that cannot comply with them.
- The carve out of Fiat but not PoW is arbitrary and could ultimately result in a de facto ban on Fiat networks, including Ethereum, because Fiat validators are technologically unable to comply with this reporting requirement.
- This is not technology neutral since this would exempt Fiat validators, but subject PoW validators to impossible reporting requirements. This incentivizes validators to use Fiat instead of PoW, and it gives an unfair advantage to blockchain networks that use Fiat over PoW.
- This will not gain more tax revenue than the Wyden Amendment because only the players that can comply will be able to do the increased reporting. Those who cannot comply will leave the US, costing the United States not only the jobs and other economic benefits that those companies provide, but also the revenue that the IRS is supposed to reap for much-needed infrastructure projects.
- Green narrative** - this amendment favors the energy intensive PoW mining over PoW since it only carves out Fiat from reporting requirements.
This amendment unnecessarily impedes on industry's ability to find innovative solutions to aspects of industry that present environmental challenges. The more avenues for change the better, so why exclude an entire avenue without giving it the opportunity to effect change?

The Warner amendment is anti-technology and anti-innovation.
A vote for the Warner amendment would be irresponsible and dangerous to America's national security.

- Any narrative that this is a compromise on the Wyden-Lummis-Toomey amendment is false. This Warner amendment does not address the shortcomings of the bill. The Warner amendment is worse than the existing text of the bill.
- Without any consideration or explanation, it picks one crypto protocol and condemns others to be crushed under impossible burdens. The United States has succeeded in becoming a leader in innovation because it regulates activities, not specific technologies, and it does so neutrally. It is one thing to regulate (or exempt from regulation) distributed ledger validators, but it is wholly another to pick one winner among different types of validation technologies.
- Sen. Warner's amendment would kill Ethereum and other great-of-stake protocols. Ethereum is the leading smart contract platform on the internet that enables countless use cases that provide cheaper, more inclusive services to Americans. It's like taking the World Wide Web in its infancy.
- Sen. Warner's amendment would drive away all innovation to outside of the United States. Its flawed pick of which the oldest consensus method is obsolete. Sen. Warner's amendment locks the U.S. into one technology. This is like picking which of the early protocols would form the backbone of the internet. Proof of work was the first validation method invented. That doesn't mean that it is the one that will be most successful. Why should the IRS put its thumb on the scale?
- US leadership in digital finance is critical to America's future and our leadership over China. Removing protections for software developers in the Wyden-Lummis-Toomey amendment is a direct push to have crypto development and innovation take place outside the US.

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