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Estimado Congresista Espaillat,

I am the son of Josefina Tavaréz from Villa Mella and I live in your district. In 2013, I started a Bitcoin business providing services to many Bodegas in our district.

When the NYDFS illegally started regulating the space, I visited your state office. I did let you know that I was suing the NYDFS in state court. That fight is still going on. You can read everything about it at <https://www.article78againstnydfs.com>.

I am contacting you because you are my legislator and many of my friends in the Bitcoin space are being unjustly singled out by the Department of Justice and therefore I would like to ask that you take the lead in asking the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) to investigate the U.S. Department of Justice on prosecuting individuals who exchange bitcoin for cash or other financial instruments under the federal money transmitting status, 18 U.S.C. § 1960.

I have attached the letter from the Foundation for which I am a member. It explains the situation in detail. People are being dragged to jail all over the country because of Wall Street fears. Currently, Thomas Costanzo is awaiting trial in Arizona. He is the latest one to have been unjustly grabbed.

Do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Theo Chino', with a horizontal line drawn underneath the signature.

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