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To establish the Federal Cryptocurrency Theft Task Force, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOODEN (for himself, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. OWENS, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To establish the Federal Cryptocurrency Theft Task Force,
and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal
5 Cryptocurrency Theft Enforcement and Coordination
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds the following:

9 (1) Cryptocurrency theft and related digital
10 asset crimes have increased in frequency, scale, and

1 sophistication, resulting in significant financial harm
2 to individuals, businesses, and communities across
3 the United States.

4 (2) Cryptocurrency theft has created a criminal
5 justice and law enforcement challenge involving
6 fraud, hacking, theft, conspiracy, and other viola-
7 tions of Federal criminal law.

8 (3) Victims of cryptocurrency theft frequently
9 encounter fragmented and inconsistent responses
10 from Federal, State, and local authorities due to the
11 absence of a centralized Federal coordination mecha-
12 nism.

13 (4) State and local law enforcement agencies
14 often lack clear guidance, training, and Federal
15 points of contact for responding to cryptocurrency
16 theft incidents.

17 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL CRYPTOCURRENCY**
18 **THEFT TASK FORCE.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
20 the Department of Justice a task force to be known as
21 the Federal Cryptocurrency Theft Task Force (in this Act,
22 referred to as “Task Force”).

23 (b) LEADERSHIP.—The Task Force shall be chaired
24 by the Attorney General, or the Attorney General’s des-
25 ignee.

1 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force shall include
2 senior representatives from—

3 (1) the Department of Justice;

4 (2) the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

5 (3) the Department of Homeland Security, in-
6 cluding Homeland Security Investigations;

7 (4) the Department of the Treasury, including
8 the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; and

9 (5) any other Federal law enforcement agency
10 the Attorney General determines appropriate.

11 (d) CRIMINAL LAW FOCUS.—The Task Force shall
12 operate consistent with the Attorney General’s authorities
13 under title 18, United States Code, and other applicable
14 Federal criminal statutes.

15 **SEC. 4. DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE.**

16 The Task Force shall—

17 (1) serve as the primary Federal coordinating
18 body for the prevention, investigation, and prosecu-
19 tion of cryptocurrency theft and criminal activity di-
20 rectly related to such theft;

21 (2) improve coordination among Federal law
22 enforcement agencies involved in cryptocurrency
23 theft investigations and prosecutions;

24 (3) develop and disseminate best practices for
25 Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies

1 related to evidence collection, analysis of seized dig-
2 ital evidence for cryptocurrency artifacts, investiga-
3 tive techniques, asset tracing, and victim engage-
4 ment in cryptocurrency theft cases;

5 (4) provide technical assistance, training, and
6 guidance to State and local law enforcement agen-
7 cies, including prosecutors, regarding cryptocurrency
8 theft investigations;

9 (5) facilitate information sharing among Fed-
10 eral, State, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforce-
11 ment agencies;

12 (6) identify and report to the Committees on
13 the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and
14 the Senate, any challenges and gaps in existing
15 criminal enforcement authorities and measures re-
16 lated to cryptocurrency theft along with suggestions
17 for reforms to address such challenges; and

18 (7) coordinate, as appropriate, with inter-
19 national law enforcement partners on cross-border
20 cryptocurrency theft investigations.

21 **SEC. 5. STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINA-**
22 **TION.**

23 (a) OUTREACH.—The Task Force shall conduct reg-
24 ular outreach to relevant State and local law enforcement
25 agencies to collect information to improve investigative co-

1 ordination and referral processes related to cryptocurrency
2 theft.

3 (b) VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.—Participation by
4 State, local, Tribal, or territorial governments in activities
5 under this Act shall be voluntary.

6 **SEC. 6. CRYPTOCURRENCY THEFT DESCRIBED.**

7 In this Act, the term “cryptocurrency theft”—

8 (1) means the intentional unauthorized or un-
9 lawful use or transfer of a person’s cryptocurrency
10 that constitutes an offense under title 18, United
11 States Code; and

12 (2) includes gaining access by fraudulent
13 means, including hacking, phishing, tricking, or
14 scamming.

15 **SEC. 7. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

16 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
17 of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Attorney General
18 shall submit a report to the Committees on the Judiciary
19 of the House of Representatives and the Senate that in-
20 cludes—

21 (1) a summary of the activities of the Task
22 Force;

23 (2) trends and emerging threats related to
24 cryptocurrency theft and criminal activity directly
25 related to such theft;

1 (3) an assessment of coordination with State
2 and local law enforcement agencies; and

3 (4) recommendations for legislative or adminis-
4 trative actions to strengthen the investigation and
5 prosecution of cryptocurrency theft.

6 **SEC. 8. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

7 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to—

8 (1) authorize the regulation of cryptocurrency,
9 digital asset markets, financial institutions, or finan-
10 cial products;

11 (2) expand or limit the regulatory authority of
12 any Federal agency;

13 (3) create any new criminal offenses; or

14 (4) create any private right of action.

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