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Dear Superintendent Lawsky and General Counsel Syracuse,

In a world where our US government is being widely ridiculed and scorned for massive privacy invasion and misuse of that data, please do not seek to humiliate us further on an international level by moving this "BitLicense" proposal forward.

Physical currency like the USD is and always will be far less traceable and preferred for clandestine activities than electronic currency like Bitcoin, where the transaction history is visible to everyone by way of the public blockchain.

We are also in a period of development where we, as Americans and world citizens need to endorse technological advancement and growth as much as possible, we are losing or have lost our seat as a world leader in innovation, and piling on new, overly broad laws on a technology in its infancy like Bitcoin is clearly not going to help us regain that position.

We, as a nation, should be allowed to use and develop this technology unhindered in the lack of any real threats, this proposed legislation is so broad that it would dramatically stifle our right to behave as responsible adults innocent of any wrongdoing, and gives no indication that those people who actually seek to do wrong would be hampered by it in the slightest.

It could cost us the biggest social development in years, and effectively buy us nothing in exchange. As a citizen that wants our country to thrive, I ask you not to advance this legislation, it only hurts us all.

Thank you for your time,
Josh McMeel