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Dear Superintendent Lawsky and General Counsel Syracuse,

I'm writing you today to express my deep concerns about the "BitLicense" proposal. The current framework threatens the privacy of virtual currency users, innovators, and researchers. In particular:

1. The BitLicense is extremely broad, requiring licenses for far more than just money services.
2. It infringes on the privacy rights of individual users. Companies that obtain a BitLicense could be forced to collect identifying data on account holders and end users including full name and physical address. This information will be kept on file for 10 years in case the government seeks it. So while individual users may not need a BitLicense, their privacy will be seriously affected.
3. It forces virtual currency innovators to undergo rigorous background checks and submit fingerprints to state and federal law enforcement. This will create a barrier to entry for start ups and inventors looking to create new services.
4. The proposal as written raises First Amendment concerns.
5. And also, the entire point of bitcoin is to be online cash, so it should be relatively hard to trace. The new policy is like saying that if you buy a chocolate bar, the company that your buying it from need a ridiculous amount of information from you.

As much as Bitcoin is misused in the dark web, it shouldn't mean that other people have to pay with there privacy. I thought Americans wanted everyone to be free. I must of been wrong. Imposing this policy will bring america one step closer to becoming a Totalitarian state, witch I hope you don't want. If you do, well, your a control freak.

Sincerely, Caleb Evans