



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

March 17, 2026

The Honorable Tim Scott
Chairman
Senate Committee on Banking
Housing, and Urban Affairs
Washington, DC, 20510

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Banking
Housing, and Urban Affairs
Washington, DC, 20510

Dear Chairman Scott and Ranking Member Warren:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), representing 3,081 sheriffs and over 20,000 public safety professionals including deputies, chiefs of police, and other law enforcement officials across the United States, we write to express concerns regarding Section 604 of the proposed substitute amendment to H.R. 3633.

Sheriffs' offices are increasingly encountering criminal activity involving digital assets, including drug trafficking, fraud, and human exploitation schemes that rely on complex financial transactions designed to evade detection. Existing federal statutes, particularly 18 U.S.C. § 1960, are essential tools that enable law enforcement to identify actors, follow financial trails, and build prosecutable cases.

Section 604 would create a broad exemption for certain "non-controlling developers or providers," which could significantly limit the applicability of these statutes. As drafted, this provision risks creating gaps in oversight and reducing access to critical information that federal, state, and local law enforcement rely on in financial crime investigations.

While NSA supports responsible innovation in the digital asset ecosystem, such innovation should not come at the expense of transparency, accountability, or public safety. Law enforcement must retain the ability to access basic identifying information and apply existing legal frameworks to evolving technologies.

We respectfully urge the Committee to carefully consider the potential unintended consequences of Section 604 and to ensure that any legislative framework preserves law enforcement's ability to investigate and disrupt illicit financial activity.

Thank you for your consideration. We stand ready to provide additional input as the Committee continues its work on this legislation.

Sincerely,

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Sheriff Chris West
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