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# H. R. 3638

To direct the Federal Trade Commission to transmit to Congress a report on the Commission's actions related to digital tokens.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 28, 2021

Mr. SOTO (for himself and Mr. DAVIDSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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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 “Digital Taxonomy  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) it is important that the United States re-  
9 mains a leader in innovation;

1           (2) digital tokens and blockchain technology are  
2 driving innovation and providing consumers with in-  
3 creased choice and convenience;

4           (3) the use of digital tokens and blockchain  
5 technology is likely to increase in the future;

6           (4) the Federal Trade Commission is respon-  
7 sible for protecting consumers from unfair or decep-  
8 tive acts or practices, including relating to digital to-  
9 kens;

10          (5) the Commission has previously taken action  
11 against unscrupulous companies and individuals that  
12 committed unfair or deceptive acts or practices in-  
13 volving digital tokens; and

14          (6) to bolster the Commission's ability to en-  
15 force against unfair or deceptive acts or practices in-  
16 volving digital tokens, the Commission should ensure  
17 staff have appropriate training and resources to  
18 identify and pursue such cases.

19 **SEC. 3. REPORTS ON UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE ACTS OR**  
20 **PRACTICES IN TRANSACTIONS RELATING TO**  
21 **DIGITAL TOKENS.**

22          Not later than one year after the date of enactment  
23 of this Act and each year thereafter through fiscal year  
24 2024, the Federal Trade Commission shall transmit to the  
25 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of

1 Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
2 Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and make pub-  
3 licly available on its website, a report on—

4           (1) any actions taken by the Commission relat-  
5           ing to unfair or deceptive acts or practices in trans-  
6           actions relating to digital tokens;

7           (2) the Commission’s other efforts to prevent  
8           unfair or deceptive acts or practices relating to dig-  
9           ital tokens; and

10           (3) any recommendations by the Commission  
11           for legislation that would improve the ability of the  
12           Commission and other relevant Federal agencies—

13                   (A) to further protect consumers from un-  
14                   fair or deceptive acts or practices in the digital  
15                   token marketplace; and

16                   (B) to promote competition and promote  
17                   innovation in the global digital token sector.

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