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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
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Dear Governor Newsom:

Thank you for your leadership on digital asset issues. The Crypto Council for Innovation (CCI) writes in support of SB 97 and to express our appreciation for your signature on this important legislation. SB 97 will clarify critical definitions in the Digital Financial Assets Law (DFAL) and ensure the scope of the statute is straightforward for both industry and regulators at the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation (DFPI).

CCI is a global alliance of digital asset industry leaders committed to promoting the advantages of digital assets while showcasing their potential for market transformation. CCI's members share a common objective: advocating for responsible global regulation of digital assets to unlock economic opportunities, enhance quality of life, promote financial inclusivity, safeguard national security, and counter illicit activities. Many of our members are located in California and serve thousands of consumers across the state. CCI has been closely engaged with the DFAL implementation process and have worked with both DFPI and the Legislature to help ensure the law functions as intended.

SB 97 addresses practical ambiguities that had created uncertainty for a broad range of market participants, including, among others, stablecoin issuers, web3 gaming developers, protocol security professionals, and money transmitters. By clarifying licensing requirements and providing clearer compliance pathways on issues such as best execution trade routing, conditional licensing, and disclosures involving sensitive customer information, SB97 strengthens the DFAL framework for both regulators and industry alike.

We appreciate your commitment to working with industry to ensure California is a leader in technological innovation. We look forward to continuing to work with your administration and the Legislature on the ongoing DFAL implementation process.

Respectfully,



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CC: The Honorable Tim Grayson