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The Honorable Scott Baldwin
Chairman, Indiana Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee
200 W. Washington St., Room 130
Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Chairman Baldwin,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 1217 on behalf of the Crypto Council for Innovation (CCI). CCI is a global alliance of industry leaders in the digital asset sector that serves to educate consumers and policymakers and advocate for policy that spurs responsible innovation. While we applaud the author's efforts to establish a regulatory pathway for stablecoin issuance at the state level, we are concerned with the language that has been included regarding the payment of yield and rewards in connection with the holding or use of a payment stablecoin.

Stablecoin rewards are a critical mechanism for driving adoption of modern payment rails that offer faster settlement, lower transaction costs, and greater transparency than legacy systems. Payments markets are characterized by strong network effects and high switching costs, which make it difficult for new technologies to gain traction without meaningful incentives. Rewards help overcome those barriers by encouraging consumers and merchants to try and continue using lower-cost payment options. Without the ability to offer rewards, stablecoin-based payment systems would be placed at a structural disadvantage relative to incumbent payment products - many of which rely on incentives and loyalty programs as a core competitive feature.

Congress and the White House are actively working with key stakeholders to determine the role that rewards will play in payment stablecoin markets as part of ongoing broader market structure legislation negotiations. We respectfully urge Indiana to avoid legislating on this issue before the federal government finalizes nationwide standards. Under the GENIUS Act, states have until January 2028 to submit an initial certification of their state stablecoin framework to the U.S. Treasury, providing Indiana adequate time to navigate this issue consistent with federal law.[1]

Thank you for your time and your consideration. Indiana has an important opportunity to further emerge as a competitive jurisdiction for digital asset businesses. We look forward to continuing to work with the author and the legislature to promote thoughtful policies that advance this goal.

Respectfully,



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[1] Guiding and Establishing National Innovation for U.S. Stablecoins Act, Pub. L. No. 119-27, §§ 4(c)(4)(A), 20, 139 Stat. 419 (2025).