



UNITED STATES HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCIAL SERVICES
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H.R. 1919 – the Anti-CBDC Surveillance State Act

The *Anti-CBDC Surveillance State Act*, sponsored by House Majority Whip Tom Emmer (MN-06), prohibits unelected bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. from issuing a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) that undermines Americans' right to financial privacy.

Unlike decentralized digital assets, CBDCs are digital forms of sovereign currency issued and controlled by the federal government, with transactions occurring on a government-managed ledger. In short, a CBDC is government-controlled, programmable money that, if not designed to mimic cash, could provide the federal government with detailed transaction data on individual users and the ability to program the CBDC to suppress politically unpopular activities.

The Anti-CBDC Surveillance State Act would:

- Prohibit the Federal Reserve (Fed) from issuing a CBDC directly to individuals, ensuring the Fed cannot mobilize itself into a retail bank with the ability to collect personal financial data on Americans;
- Bar the Fed from indirectly issuing a CBDC to individuals through an intermediary or third party;
- Prevent the Fed from using a CBDC as a tool to implement monetary policy;
- Make clear that the issuance of any CBDC requires authorizing legislation from Congress; and
- Protects innovation that reflects American values.

Why: Under the previous Biden Administration, financial surveillance was able to gain a foothold right here at home. In 2022, the White House issued an Executive Order placing urgency on CBDC research and development. Moreover, the agency reports created under that Executive Order made it clear that the Biden Administration was eager to create a CBDC and was willing to trade Americans' right to financial privacy for a CBDC surveillance-style system.

President Trump understands the dangers CBDCs present and has already issued an Executive Order prohibiting federal agencies from pursuing one. We must codify this Executive Order in law by permanently banning their development, so a future administration cannot weaponize this technology against Americans.

Bottom Line: The *Anti-CBDC Surveillance State Act* ensures that United States digital assets policy is in the hands of the American people—not the Administrative State. It protects American values of privacy, individual freedom, and free market innovation by prohibiting a CBDC surveillance tool that could be wielded against the American way of life.

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