



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

DIGITAL ASSETS & CFTC

What?

- CLARITY creates a fit-for-purpose regulatory framework for digital assets to protect customers, promote innovation, and rein in over-zealous regulators.
- Delineates CFTC and SEC jurisdiction in digital asset markets to solve the regulatory ambiguity that has plagued the digital asset ecosystem for years.
- Creates comprehensive registration regimes to oversee firms serving customers in digital asset markets.
- Closes current regulatory gaps by providing the CFTC long overdue authority over digital commodity transactions in the spot market.
- Protects customers by requiring firms to:
 - Provide appropriate disclosures to customers.
 - Segregate customer funds from their own.
 - Address conflicts of interest through registration, disclosure, and operational requirements.

Why?

- Digital assets and related blockchain technology have the potential to form the foundation of the next generation of financial innovation.
- Regulation-by-enforcement and ongoing regulatory ambiguity have stifled this innovative potential while leaving consumers unprotected.
- CLARITY is essential to restoring confidence in America's regulatory environment, encouraging innovation, and keeping digital asset businesses in the U.S

Looking Ahead

The CLARITY Act

Work on the CLARITY Act moves to the Senate. Leaders of the Senate Banking and Agriculture Committees have laid out an aggressive timetable to take up CLARITY. We will work with the Senate to craft a bill both chambers can support.

CFTC Reauthorization

The Committee will once again work to reauthorize the CFTC. It was last reauthorized in the 2008 Farm Bill, and that authorization expired in 2013. The Committee has previously tried to reauthorize the Commission, most recently in 2019.

Reauthorization will not be an overhaul of the Commodity Exchange Act or derivatives markets. Our markets work well, and we are interested in modest changes that will provide incremental improvements for the Commission and stakeholders.