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COMMENTS FOR HJR 146 by Capriglione

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Paul Perry, Commissioner Pct 3, Ellis Co.  
Self, County Commissioner  
Milford, TX

A free people should be able to barter, or use a chosen mutually agreed upon medium of exchange.

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Ashley Sheffield  
Self. Self.  
Ledbetter, TX

100% in support of this HJR 146.

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Michelle Ready, Ms  
Self  
Avinger, TX

The ability of Texas citizens to exchange, barter, purchase, etc using the currency of their choice is extremely important. This bill assured that the right and the freedom to deal person to person in an agreed upon medium cannot be infringed by any dictatorial whom at some point in the future.

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Patricia Moore  
"self" Retired Teacher Alief ISD/ currently Alief ISD substitute teacher  
Houston, TX

This a profound and wise move by the State of Texas. I urge you to VOTE YES on HJR146 Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the right to own, hold, and use a mutually agreed upon medium of exchange.

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Mike Jackson  
self - retired, RPT Angelina county Precinct 25 Chairman  
Lufkin, TX

I support HJR 146. This will add to the bill of rights for Texans the right to hold any bullion, crypto or currency as a store of value. Please vote for HJR 146.

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Albert Crable  
Self  
Victoria, TX

The people are the only ones who should determine the medium of exchange and not any government. Just like it has been done since the first deal between 2 people was made. It could be gold, paper, or feathers as long as the people are the ones making that decision.

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Kelley Rumps  
self/retired  
The Woodlands, TX

I support this bill.

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Tom Holman, Citizen  
Self  
Austin, TX

There used to be a saying that cash is king. Texan's support the right to use cash and cash substitutes. I support this bill.

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Vicky Little  
Dallas Eagle Forum/ Myaelf  
Dallas, TX

I strongly support HJR 146. Thank you for doing the same...

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Rhonda Ward  
Self Real estate appraiser  
Nacogdoches, TX

I am in support of HJR 146, the citizens of Texas have the right to own whatever form of currency they choose.

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Ally Raskin  
Self  
Dallas, TX

It is really sad that we have to ask. Do you have access in control of our own money. But please make sure that we do.

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Elizabeth McKurtis  
myself as a Texan  
Burkburnett, TX

Protection of individual rights

Jimmy Dean once said “I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.” To what destination do we Texans want to arrive with these changing political winds? Do we want our direction to be determined by a federal government, by the president, by the Federal Reserve? No! And that's why I urge you all to support the proposed addition to the Texas Bill of Rights: The Right to Use Cash and Cash Substitutes SJR 67 (Parker) and HJR 146 (Capriglione).

Our desire for freedom has not changed since 1791 when the drafters of the Bill of Rights sought to curb the power of the central government and guarantee individuals' rights and limit government's power. Patrick Henry and the Anti-Federalists couldn't have known about CBDC, but they knew the characteristics of tyranny wouldn't change over time, so they added the Ninth Amendment to cover any rights not specifically listed in the Constitution. Now the onus of action toward the preservation of Texans' rights falls upon our State Congress.

In April 12, 2022 Forbes ran an article titled: Central Bank Digital Currencies Are About Control – They Should Be Stopped – “A CBDC would give federal officials full control over the money going into—and coming out of—every person's account This level of government control is not compatible with economic or political freedom.” More recently, on Shadowstats, Dartmouth economist John Williams flashed a bold front-page warning: “U.S. Economic Downturn. Given intensifying instabilities in the U.S. Banking System, the Federal Reserve continues to spike systemic liquidity with inflation-driving Money Supply creation, which could continue to exacerbate the price-inflation problem. The FOMC keeps hiking interest rates ...The best bet coming out of all these numbers is for a spike in inflation,,,and a deepening economic contraction.” Even Federal Reserve Chair, Jerome Powell, himself, is quoted by The Cato Institute: “We would not want a world in which the government sees, in real time, every money transfer that anyone makes with a CBDC.”

Our grandparents, understood the importance of having cash in hand having experienced The Great Depression and many were so wary of banks and government that they stuffed their cash earnings into jars in kitchen cabinets or beneath the mattress for the remainder of their lives. They understood the hardships of being “cashless” As a retired Texas teacher, I taught my students the importance of learning history is that it sometimes repeats itself. Now, it is in your hands to do the right thing, to support the proposed addition to the Texas Bill of Rights: The Right to Use Cash and Cash Substitutes SJR 67 (Parker) and HJR 146 (Capriglione).

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Nancy Alexander, Mrs  
Self  
Gary, TX

Yes I want to maintain the right to use cash if that is my preference

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Christina Drewry  
Self  
Flint, TX

I support this bill. Please pass it favorably out of committee. Thank you.

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Michelle Ready, Ms  
Self  
Avinger, TX

The citizens of Texas have the right to exchange, barter, or deal in any form that is satisfactory to both parties. Any law infringing on that right is unconstitutional. Please support this resolution to keep the right of Texans to mutually decide their medium of exchange. Thank you.

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Paul Robie  
Self  
Ennis, TX

I support this bill. Please pass this bill out of committee.

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Karl Gleim  
Self, Retired  
San Antonio, TX

I am in favor of this bill because no government (especially the Federal Government) has the right to infringe upon the public's right to transact their personal business in whatever manner and with whatever means of exchange which is acceptable to the parties of the transaction. That is to say the use of Cash, Gold, Silver, other precious metals, trading with one another using particular goods for trade one or more items for other items acceptable to the parties, currencies of other nations, crypto currencies or whatever other forms of exchange mutually agreed upon for the purposes of buying or selling goods should be up to the parties involved and governments have no part in said transactions. Commercial/private transactions are performed solely at the disgression of the parties involved and not subject to Government intrusion. Additionally outlawing cash, gold, silver or other mediums of exchange is unlawful since what is acceptable to the parties is not subject to government control and should not be able to be limited by any government. Subjecting the population to a medium of exchange only acceptable to the government (ie Federal Government's own prospective "crypto-Currency" in favor of doing away with Cash and other forms of currency) would give them (government) the ability to control an individual's ability to make transactions for food, water and/or other goods and services in the event the government should happen to disapprove of that individual's political, economic or personal ideological stances on any subject and thus prevent the purchase of said items thus controlling whether one would live or die, or otherwise hamper their existence until they "came around to the government's point of view" is unacceptable and thus should be prohibited from being allowed to happen. Thank you for your consideration.

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Douglas Lockhart  
Self - Retired Computer Tech and Air Force veteran  
Lewisville, TX

In my opinion this initiative is one of the most important initiatives in terms of the protection and promotion of individual liberty and freedom of any, other than the right to keep and to bear arms. Those that control the money control us all. This places the control of your money in YOUR hands and says no one has a right to infringe on that. If you control your money and you have the right to go armed you can never, truly, be enslaved. A nation of such people can only be destroyed, they could never be conquered. It is also the primary foundation of the road that can lead us back to thriving and functional Capitalist free market economy.

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Erika Lenk-Hatfield  
Convention of States/self  
Heath, TX

I support this bill.  
It is an essential part of keeping Texas strong and free from federal interference is the protection of the financial health and privacy of Texans. An unstable dollar can destroy the wealth that Texans have spent a lifetime producing.

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Thomas Bartel  
self, retired  
Plano, TX

I am in favor of this joint resolution. Please vote in favor so that Texans can vote on this constitutional amendment. Thank you.

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Kenneth Kasper  
Self - CPA  
New Braunfels, TX

I support HJR 146. We need to do whatever we can in Texas to fight against any form of CBDC. If they feds get their way and require all of us to use a CBDC, that is the end of the game. Once they control the money to that level, they control the human to be directed as they wish. It is very important that we have the freedom to resist this and use whatever medium of exchange we see fit.

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James Tomlinson  
Texas Nationalist Movement  
Austin, TX

My name is James Tomlinson and I am in favor of HJR 146 because it will protect and ensure the rights of Texans to maintain a medium of exchange for goods and services that does not rely on digital currency. Every Texan deserves the right to buy or sell goods with a known, physical currency, such as gold backed Texas government dollars, and/or gold or silver coins. Every Texan deserves this basic right, to choose of their own free will to whom they will sell and from whom they will buy.

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Sage Woestman  
Texas Nationalist Movement  
Austin, TX

My name is Sage Woestman I am in favor of HJR 146 because if the currency goes completely digital it is as easy as flipping a switch to make the currency in your account useless. By having a medium such as gold, silver, or a currency similar to the dollar it is inalienable as the currency has a worth that is not removed when the power turns off. By continuing the use of a physical money we allow the freedom to buy, sell, and trade without the worry of our money being worth nothing.

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Borbala Bohus  
Self/ real estate broker  
Dale, TX

CBDC is the total enslavement of humanity by the new world order elites. It must be rejected and not allow to come into existence. Wake up people and reject all form tyranny!

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Jimmy Jackson  
Self  
La Grange, TX

I strongly support the resolution of HJR 146 and recommend that this bill be passed. I think that it is vital for the financial security of all Texans.

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Pat Jackson  
Self  
La Grange, TX

I strongly encourage the Texas legislature to PASS this resolution to protect the financial interests of Texans against federal overreach.

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Seth Grimmer  
Self  
Fredericksburg, TX

Self governance and voluntary collectives are essential for true freedom

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Jana Miller  
Self / Retired  
Willis, TX

I strongly urge you to support this resolution to protect the financial rights and interests of Texans against Federal overreach.

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Michelle Michalka  
Texans  
Fayetteville, TX

I strongly encourage the legislature to PASS this bill to prevent federal over reach.

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Steven Solek  
Self  
Jewett, TX

Texas absolutely needs to require physical currency or medium will always be available and legal to use in commerce.

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Stephan White  
Self - Cloud Solutions Architect  
New Braunfels, TX

I am strongly in favor of this bill.

As a matter of advancing Freedom and the protection of the natural right to private property, including the right to determine the means and methods by which it is exchanged, this bill should be enacted and the ammendment offered to the People of Texas.

So long as all parties to the exchange agree to the means and methods, it is not the place of the State or any other to interfere.

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David Krieger  
TEXIT and The Power Hour (and myself)  
Spring Branch, TX

I am a nationally-syndicated talk show host that has been ramping up on this topic (CBDC's) for quite some time now. The IMF has already developed UNICOIN and it's only a matter of time before the Fed (in the U.S.) institutes digital currency (they're already toying and experimenting with it) into our society. As a matter of freedom, if CBDC's (and the blockchain that drives them) are instituted, freedom as you know it will cease to exist. Texans will be enslaved and their complete lifestyles regulated by an already overreaching government. I believe this will lead to eventual civil unrest unless action is taken (such as this) to combat the plans of the international banking cartels and the World Economic Forum's financial plans for all of us. This is not conspiracy theory stuff anymore. This is real. If we're going to go back to gold and silver and related "backed" currencies, then the States are all going to have to partake in these types of actions, which I wholly endorse and support as a property owner in Comal County, Texas. The framers of this bill are welcome to come on my show any time to discuss it in more detail. Please call me directly to schedule (I'm on from 7 - 9 a.m. Central Time, M-F). Thank you for allowing me to comment on this critical matter.

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Kim Roland  
Self / Retired  
Lockhart, TX

I SUPPORT HJR 146 because no government should ever be allowed to prohibit ownership or holding of any form or amount of money or other currency.

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Robert Touchstone  
Self  
Spring Branch, TX

An important piece of legislation. Another step in protecting the sovereignty of Texas and more federal oversight. I support this and hope others will.

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Lisa Crawford  
Self  
Garland, TX

I am writing to voice my full support for this amendment. Simply put, cash protects privacy and freedom of choice, it is tangible, it can not be traced by companies and entities that want to use some social score and it minimizes risks in a world full of scams and hackers. This amendment is what individual rights are all about.

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Julio MartinezCrespo  
Self  
McKinney, TX

I support this bill as a US Citizen and a Resident in the State of Texas. It's important for me and my family that we enjoy the constitutionality freedoms to transact in whatever medium of exchange we please. I vote with my hard earned tax money and no agency should dictate where my cash or currency is accepted or not.  
Thanks

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Alex FITCH, mr.  
self / retired  
Junction, TX

Electronic subjugation . NO !

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Lars Kuslich  
self  
Liberty, TX

This is a very important amendment. Favorably approve it.

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Juanita Lux  
Retired  
Lindale, TX

The citizens right to use gold or silver as cash substitutes is an important step to keeping our economy moving in case of federal failure or federal manipulation of states.

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jeremiah adams  
self  
shamrock, TX

Move this amendment forward. It is critical for securing the freedoms of Texans. CBDC is set to begin in july. This will ultimately lead to the federal government seizing gold and silver bullion and any other currency that will complete. Our federal government has done it before with gold. Digital currencies are particularly dangerous as then can store every transaction. CBDC will destroy privacy and ultimately freedom in Texas.

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Charles CARLETON  
Self  
Pittsburg, TX

Please support this proposal

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Brian Fitzgerald  
Self  
Nacogdoches, TX

I am in support of HJR 146. We as citizens of Texas should be able to trade in what ever form of agreed medium of exchange with out federal government intervention.

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Sam Kemp  
Self  
Greenville, TX

I support this bill and urge the committee members to vote it out of committee.

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Ricardo Rivillas  
Self  
San Antonio, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.

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Cassandra Dullea  
Cassandra Dullea  
Richmond, TX

I am asking Congress to pass this bill out of committee. I am in support of this bill.

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Ward Lawrence  
Texas Nationalist Movement  
Garrison, TX

Texas needs to free and independent from the central federal government from all unconstitutional laws, mandates, regulations. Giving Texans the right to hold, own, and use a mutually agreed upon medium of exchange will take away control from the central federal government and give it to the people.

Also, HB 3596 will also give Texans the right to vote on whether or not Texans should become an independent Republic. The Texas Independence Referendum.

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Katherine Garcia  
self teacher  
New Braunfels, TX

This proposed amendment is absolutely critical for ensuring economic freedom and prosperity in Texas. We are in a time of drastic changes in systems that have previously been immutable for decades. Many countries are abandoning the use of the US dollar as the world's reserve currency; the ultimate impact of this has yet to be calculated. In order for Texans to feel confident in their ability to successfully navigate the tumultuous financial market they must have their rights to diversify protected. The global economy is constantly changing, and now that we are living in a digital age, the limitations of traditional currencies have started to become more and more apparent. Cryptocurrencies and other forms of digital currency, in particular, have risen to prominence over the last decade, with consumers and businesses relying on them more frequently for their transactions. However, in Texas, the use of cryptocurrency and other non-USD currencies is not yet fully legalized, and this creates a hindrance to economic growth and prosperity. According to Article 1, Section 2 of the Texas Constitution, "All political power is inherent in the people," which means that the government should not restrict the citizens' freedom to choose the currency they wish to use. Allowing the use of different currencies, such as cryptocurrencies or gold, gives more financial freedom to Texans. Additionally, the use of cryptocurrencies can provide an added level of security. Unlike traditional currencies, Bitcoin and other digital currencies use cryptographic encryption to secure their transactions and are not subject to inflation or currency devaluations. Allowing every citizen the ability to make transactions in the currency of their choice also promotes the development of more secure and stable financial systems. The State of Texas is one of the largest economic players globally, with its gross domestic product being the 10th largest in the world. This is why it is crucial to promote economic growth and financial stability through innovative policies like legalizing the use of digital currencies. The rise of cryptocurrencies has revolutionized the way we think about money, with individuals able to make financial transactions without intermediaries, faster and cheaper than traditional banking methods. Allowing Texans to use digital currencies can significantly lower the cost of transactions, which will lead to more capital infusion into the state's economy. The use of digital currencies can help protect Texans' wealth from inflation and Federal Reserve policies. I urge the Texas Legislature to pass a constitutional amendment allowing its citizens to use any currency they wish. This would create a more financially stable and prosperous state, stimulating economic growth and increasing the overall well-being of the people of Texas.

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Kim Almgren  
self  
Kerrville, TX

I am absolutely, 100% in support of HJR 146 and would love to see this move forward.

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Joseph Mesler  
Self. Detention Officer  
Plano, TX

It is completely unacceptable to have the federal government in complete control of all currency through a digital currency system. This is rife for corruption and abuse, and Texas should utterly REFUSE to participate in or accept this. This alone is worthy of action to secede and return Texas to an independent nation.

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Lee Sweeten  
Self  
Camp Wood, TX

I am in complete support of this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.”

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Jacob Kaiser, Mr.  
Self  
Lovelady, TX

“I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.”

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Marc Pitts  
Self - Financial Service  
Lindale, TX

For: I strongly support HJR 146. Economic freedom and political freedom are mutually dependent. The people of Texas are not free if the government may force them to only use a particular medium of exchange. Totalitarian governments always seek to first control the money and then the people subsequently. This constitutional amendment is essential!

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rowdy hansen  
disabled vet  
huntsville, TX

With respect, this is a must! we need to be able to get around the fed reserve crooks. several other states are moving towards this. if i salvage computer chips for their gold, i should be able to pour it into a mold and trade it. we cannot rely on the US for anything any more.

i vote AYE!

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Michael Tessaro  
Self  
Van Alystne, TX

This is critical to the safety & security of our state  
We must be protected from CBDC and we must declare our independence

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NICKEY BROCKWAY  
SELF  
MEADOW, TX

“I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.”

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Lynn Baber  
self, writer  
Weatherford, TX

Liberty insists on the right to hold assets in tangible form, including cash and cash-related instruments. Digital currency is a threat to the right to privacy, freedom from government and hacker intrusion, and stands as an affront to all people who value freedom. Sometimes convenience is synonymous with temptation. Please spend your precious time improving Texas and protecting her citizens from invasion, digital or physical. People are beginning to wake up to the threat of electronic/digital control and manipulation and will hold elected officials accountable if they vote to expose them to limitations or regulations that further subjugate them to regulators and unelected officials. Keep politics out of our bank accounts and financial transactions. Digital currency not only exposes individuals, but imagine Washington DC pulling billions from Texas coffers by a few keyboard strokes "because they can." Getting it back could take years in court.

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Mary Ward  
Self  
San Antonio, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.

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Jason Gunn, Mr.  
“Self”/ Consultant  
San Antonio, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee. Our future.

A leader is someone who helps improve the lives of other people or improve the system they live under.

Sam Houston

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Christina Drewry  
Self  
Flint, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee. This is crucial to financially secure Texans! Thank you!

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Carl Schrier, Mr  
Self  
Goliad, TX

As a life long Texan; I hold hardly support this Bill!

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Alan Higginbotham  
Self  
Reklaw, TX

I support this bill, HJR146. I urge you to pass this bill out of committee.

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Kevin and Katie Sage  
Self  
Grapevine, TX

We support this bill. Please pass this bill out of committee

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John Houser, Mr.  
Self - Currency trader  
Shallowater, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.

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Misty Walters  
Self  
Tomball, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.

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Terri Dempsey  
Self  
Barksdale, TX

I, Terri Dempsey here, would like to say that as a native Texan of almost 63 years want this Bill HJR 146 to be passed into legislation for our great state. This is a **SERIOUS ISSUE/CONCERN** for all citizens of this country, much less our state. I pray this happens. We, the people, have the right.

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Barry Tripp  
Self  
Georgetown, TX

I oppose any use of cryptocurrencies in the free trade markets

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Amanda Logan  
self  
Austin, TX

PLEASE VOTE YES!!

An essential part of keeping Texas strong and free from federal interference is the protection of the financial health and privacy of Texans. An unstable dollar can destroy the wealth that Texans have spent a lifetime producing. Texas cannot allow global financial elites to force Texans to use and pay for their services, leaving all of their financial eggs in one basket, subject to devaluation and confiscation. And Texas cannot allow their financial privacy to be destroyed being forced into having every financial transaction they make subject to scrutiny by prying government officials, competitors, and employers.

The global elites and powerful interests have been telling us for a number of years now that they plan to do exactly that to Texans – destroy the wealth we hold in the U.S. dollar, force us into using financial services, and creating the ultimate tool for the police state which will end financial privacy.

Texas can head off this looming disaster by passing the Right to Use Cash and Cash Substitutes to add to the Texas Bill of Rights an explicit recognition of the natural right to keep and store our wealth in the form we think best and to use any medium of exchange that people mutually agree upon.

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Roger Young  
self-photographer  
Dallas, TX

The inevitable worldwide collapse of the US dollar and the totalitarian threat of central bank digital currency makes it imperative that Texans have a way to protect their financial sovereignty. This bill is therefore essential because it guarantees the people of Texas the right to decide on their preferred medium of exchange.

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Jacqueline Pena  
Self  
Shamrock, TX

Please get this bill passed. It is very important to Texans.

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Connie Wolfe  
None  
Katy, TX

This bill is vital for Texans and needs to be past.

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Joan Ruisinger  
self  
Horseshoe Bay, TX

My family and I fully support this Constitutional amendment in order to safeguard our rights to our preferred medium of exchange, and to guard against federally forced use of Central Bank/Federal Reserve digital currency. This is critical to our individual freedoms and God-given rights!

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Warren Russell  
self, business owner  
Horseshoe Bay, TX

I fully support this amendment. Texans need to be free from federal overreach into our personal, financial, and business affairs.

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Gina Musachia  
Self  
Katy, TX

I support this bill. I am asking members of Congress to pass this bill out of the committee .

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Luke Loeser  
Myself  
Alvin, TX

I am writing in support of HJR 146 being added to the Texss Bill of Rights.

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Lynn Robinson  
Self  
College Station, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.

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MIke Manning  
myself  
Houston, TX

I support this bill. Stop the CBDC end game of complete financial control

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David Nash  
Self / Retired  
Harper, TX

I support HJR 146. Please pass out of committee.

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Myra Roberts  
Self  
Wichita Falls, TX

I support this bill: HJR146

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Michelle Mostert  
Self  
Dripping Springs, TX

Please vote FOR HJR 146. Thank you.

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Kimberly San Miguel  
Tex it's  
Midland, TX

I am totally for Texas becoming independent... we have all the resources we need to survive... we need this our country is crazy out of control .... We Need our Independence badly

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Mark Seerey  
Self  
Austin, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.

The Federal Reserve should not have the right to eliminate physical currency as legal tender. If this happens, the control of digital currency will be abused. Texans need to get ahead of the curve in case the Federal Reserve tries to mandate this.

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Diana Seerey  
Self/Retired  
Austin, TX

II support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.  
Thank you.

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Hartmut Mueller  
Self  
EL PASO, TX

I support HJR146

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James Bruce  
Self  
Athens, TX

HJR146: I support this bill and urge its passage through committee.

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Ronald Reuter, MGySgt (Retired)  
Self / Retired  
Bulverde, TX

I do not want big government in my spending business or to be told what form of currency we use.

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Lloyd Barr, Mr  
Self  
Lake Jackson, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.

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Patsy Boatright  
Self retired  
Maryneal, TX

I support hjr 146.

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Ralph Mertesdorf  
self  
Johnson City, TX

I support this bill and I ask the House to take all necessary actions to get this to pass. This bill will allow us to use any medium of exchange we see fit and block the CBDC from controlling the citizens of Texas. Such financial freedom is in the the best traditions of Texas. Thank you all for moving this forward.

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Richard Kasper  
self  
College Station, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.

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Merrill Cobb  
Self  
Canyon, TX

I support this bill. Please pass it out of committee

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Beatrice Cappas, CPO (Ret) USNR  
Self  
Huntsville, TX

As a retired armed forces member, I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.

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David Jones  
Self  
Kennedale, TX

Texas must resist the continued federal control over its currency. Please support this bill.

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Carole Manny, Miss  
Self/Retired  
De Kalb, TX

I support this bill, and I am asking the committee members to pass this bill out of the committee. Thank you.

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Mary Sanders  
Self and family  
Fredericksburg, TX

Please block The CBDC by passing the HUR 146. Personally I have managed my life and money all of my life as most of you. The Chinese program that manages our money is not for Texans. If we lose the control of our money then we lose the right to manage our lives. That is what happen with senior citizens. /Basically we would have no life. I object to the CBDC.  
Thank you

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Barbara Manny, Ms  
Self  
De Kalb, TX

I support this bill and am asking members to pass this bill out of committee. Thank you.

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Stephen Bailey  
SRBailey Farm  
EDGEWOOD, TX

Everyone wants honest, solid money that holds its value and can be efficiently used in financial transactions. The only way to guarantee that everyone can enjoy these benefits is to enact this amendment to the Texas State Constitution. As our Founding Fathers knew from direct experience, debt-backed fiat currencies like the Continental and the Federal Reserve Note always die and their deaths reverberate throughout the economy. The Federal Reserve Note is teetering as people recognize the Federal debt will not, cannot be repaid. In fact, the purpose of a debt-backed, fiat currency is to enable unaccountable government spending with no intention of ever repaying the debt. Let Texas show the way to opening new avenues for the people, not government and government cronies in DC, to decide what to use as money.

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Alvin Rodgers  
Texas Nationalist movement  
Waco, TX

I support this amendment to protect private control of all financial mediums and to prevent the government from assuming control of any private financial resources.

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Jim Prange  
Personal  
Colorado City, TX

I don't like the idea of plastic as currency I would rather have cash or some other sources

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Michael Ford  
self, drafter  
League City, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.

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William Owens  
Self / Retired  
New Ulm, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.

William Owens

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Jaimie Petkosek  
self, graphic designer  
Spring, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.

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John Bolgiano  
Self - Retired  
Llano, TX

SUPPORT

Given the precarious state of the existing federal financial system, it is imperative Texans have an alternative to the failing dollar and a forced participation in a Central Bank Digital Currency. This amendment to our Constitution will be a much needed protection of all our freedoms, not just our financial security. I urge the committee to return a favorable report.

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Avery Johnson  
Self  
Rising Star, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.

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Benjamin Coats, LT  
Self  
Floresville, TX

Howdy,

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee. This issue is very near and dear to me and possible infringements on the rights of citizens to own and use mediums of exchange that they wish to should be a right defended by the great state of Texas.

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Charles Storm  
Self  
Arlingotn, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.

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Orelia Garza, Ms.  
Self  
Houston, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.

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Victoria Gonzales, Mrs  
Texas Constitutional Enforcement  
Victoria, TX

It is crucial to the freedom of all Texans to obtain the right to own, hold, and use mutually agreed upon medium of exchange. It is also an issue of sovereignty and in the best interest of We the People.

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Stewart Spencer  
self - retired  
Canyon Lake, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.

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Edward Kandler  
self / retired  
Jarrell, TX

I, Edward Kandler, approve of the passage of constitutional amendment HJR 146 relating to the right to own, hold, and use mutually agreed upon medium of exchange. Government should have no right that allows it to do otherwise.

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Marianne Paulsen  
Self  
BELLVILLE, TX

I support HJR 146 because I value financial privacy. The people of Texas need every choice possible to protect themselves from inflation. I don't want global financial institutions or government-run banks mak8mg decisions about my life.

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James Taylor  
Self  
Trinidad, TX

I support this bill and would like to see it passed. The alternative is unacceptable

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Sarah Medford  
self/retired attorney  
Jarrell, TX

I, Sarah Medford, support HJR 146. This is a critically important issue to safeguard the financial freedom and security of ALL Texans. Please vote this bill out of committee. Thank you.

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Kathy Walkoviak  
Self  
Caldwell, TX

I value financial privacy for myself and my family.

Texans need every choice possible to protect themselves from inflation.

I do not want global financial institutions or government run banks making decisions about my life.

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Tim Walkoviak, Sr  
Self  
Caldwell, TX

I value financial privacy.

the people of Texas need every choice possible to protect themselves from inflation.

I do not want global financial institutions or government run banks making decisions about my life.

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Tim Walkoviak, Jr  
Self - SSI Disability  
Caldwell, TX

I value financial privacy.

the people of Texas need every choice possible to protect themselves from inflation.

I do not want global financial institutions or government run banks making decisions about my life.

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Lisa Rich  
Self  
Texarkana, TX

It is of upmost importance to pass bill HJR 146, our financial privacy and protection can't be compromised.

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Katie Alejo  
Self  
Boerne, TX

I support HJR 146 because I value financial privacy

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Angela Wetuski  
Self  
Granger, TX

In order to protect current investments and the future of my children, I support this bill. A global, digital currency owned and operated by the federal government puts too much power in the hands of unelected bureaucrats. Please pass this bill and protect the money and investments of Texans.

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Ivin Mills, Rev.  
Self  
Porter, TX

Please pass this bill out of the committee!

Federal overreach is out of control. Texans should be in control of our destiny.

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James Crenshaw  
Self  
Onalaska, TX

Keep the ability to use cash for all transactions

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Dana Crawford  
Self  
Orange, TX

In favor

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Matt Stuckey  
We The People of Texas  
San Antonio, TX

I support HJR 146 because:

I value financial privacy.

the people of Texas need every choice possible to protect themselves from inflation.

I do not want global financial institutions or government run banks making decisions about my life.

I do not want our federal government making Texas into Communist China!

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Erika Browning  
True Texas Project  
Duncanville, TX

I don't want a global currency dictated to me. Texas needs to assert her sovereignty in this area.

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James Ruby  
Self. Educator  
El Paso, TX

It is vital to preserve Texans' financial freedom from federal attempts to control our economy and monitor the financial activities of our citizens and businesses.

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Terri Hall, Legislative Liaison  
We the People - Liberty in Action  
Kerrville, TX

We support this bill. Please vote it out of committee immediately. Freedom to use cash is a fundamental right in order to maintain our financial sovereignty. This needs to pass to protect Texans. Thank you!

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Mitchell Ryan  
Self  
Grapevine, TX

This is a great bill that recognizes a right that is increasingly under threat. The debate on whether Texans will be forced to use a national or global digital currency is here and it's happening now. Taking no action puts our fate in the hands of outside forces — a sovereign state should do the opposite. Let the people of Texas govern themselves and decide on this issue that will impact generations to come by voting on this constitutional amendment.

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Thomas Berman  
Self  
Allen, TX

Texans must have the right to protect their wealth without being reliant on any financial institution, an upcoming Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), or a highly inflationary US Dollar.

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Jennifer Eckhart  
self  
Magnolia, TX

I believe we have the right to have exchange for goods and services that are private and personal. Not subject to government oversight or record keeping.

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Kerry Huffman  
Self - Retired  
Frisco, TX

I am in favor of this bill that protects the privacy and financial health of Texans. The bill helps prevent overreach by the federal government.

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Heather Hoopes  
Self / Business Administrator  
Flower Mound, TX

Support.

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Dan Donalson, citizen of Texas  
the people of Texas.  
Houston, TX

I sincerely hope that you will make this bill law. I think we are entering a time of great economic turmoil. Having as many options for doing business as possible will help Texas weather this storm. As I'm sure you know, several other states are in the process of protecting their citizens in this manner. I believe that Texas should act decisively and make this law. Thank you for your time.

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GEORGE CHAMBERLAIN  
GRAYSON COUNTY GOP PRECINCT 202 CHAIR  
DENISON, TX

Texas needs to insulate it self economically from the incompetency going on in Washington.

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Margaret Crabtree  
Self  
Waxahachie, TX

Being able to use currency, to barter, or use an agreed upon medium of exchange should be a right of every citizen in a free country. We must not allow the government or other entity to saddle us with a form of control over how we spend and receive payments. I support this legislation!

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TAMARA BERGER  
Self  
Seguin, TX

We desperately need these passed! Please support them.

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Kelley Rumps  
self/retired  
The Woodlands, TX

I support this bill.

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George Tyson  
Self  
Colorado city, TX

Digital currency, unlike hard currency, requires considerable infrastructure. Power, computers, telecommunications and terminals are required for use. During a disaster some if not all may be unavailable leaving people without the ability to buy and pay for basic needs such as food, fuel, water, etc.

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Travis Fell  
Self  
Cedar Park, TX

I am for HJR 146 and strongly endorse the idea of putting it on the ballot for the next Texas constitutional election. States need to push back against the Fed's push to introduce and normalize central digital bank currencies (CBDCs). Texans should have options to store their wealth and transact business in the currency of their choice, free from the inflationary and "Big Brother" tendencies of the Federal Government and certain financial institutions. This amendment will help the State of Texas to interpose against Federal overreach into the privacy and financial dealings of law-abiding Texans.

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Keith young  
self  
Austin, TX

Must pass. Will not accept cbdc.

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Steven Brevelle, MSgt (Ret)  
Self; Construction Project Manager  
San Antonio, TX

Do not allow the digital dollar to be forced down our throats. We have the right to possess and use cash without record that invades private consumer information.

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Debra Slaton  
Myself  
Eastland, TX

I do not want global organizations involved in making decisions about Texas financial issues.  
I want the right to use cash!!!!

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Lela Goar, Mrs.  
Self - Retired educator  
BURNET, TX

America is still a free country and the citizens have a right to protect the way they do business. Taking away our rights to pay by cash and check is not allowed in the constitution and the U.S. Government has no right to make us move totally to digital currency. This is just one more way they want to control our lives and be able to tell us what we can and cannot do, where we can and cannot go, and who we can and cannot see. GOD BLESS TEXAS for taking this step to protect our rights.

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dianna biscalan  
self  
Plano, TX

Dear Rep Capriglione

I stand for HJR and need your support of this very important bill. I appreciate everything you are doing to keep our country FREE

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Victoria Hancock  
self sales associate  
Plano, TX

In support of HJR 146

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Jonathan Merchant  
Non profit  
Northlake, TX

This needs to be passed for our freedom of exchange of money and protect us from tyrannical federal overreach.

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DIANA CHAMBLESS  
self  
Bullard, TX

I STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill! It will strengthen Texans' financial freedom and independence. This bill safeguards Texans from potential federal government attempts to control or manipulate the state's monetary system, ensuring that our financial future remains in our hands.

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Aaron Peshek  
Self  
League City, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of committee. This bill is an important piece of legislation for all Texans. It will guarantee the greatest freedom for individuals and businesses to conduct their financial activities without government surveillance. The provisions in this bill ensure the freedoms that will prevent centralized control of individual economic activity and avoid punitive, capricious, and arbitrary actions of authorities seeking to control the lives of citizens.

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Stacy Emberson  
unknown  
Allen, TX

I fully support HJR 146, and believe cash and other legal forms of tender should be allowed for mutually agreed upon transactions. From watching the news, we know how easy it is for foreign countries to hack "secured" accounts, and tying 100% of our finances to digital accounts opens citizens up to losing paychecks, savings and any other financial gains. Post-COVID, we also know our own government is not above shutting everything down, including access to basic necessities, so we need safeguards in place to allow us to continue buying food and necessities without federal permission.

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Monica Hamilton  
Self  
Boyd, TX

Please vote for this bill. We need to do everything we can to reserve our right to hold actual currency and never let the federal government force us over to a total digital currency.

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Gregory C Porter  
Texas For Liberty  
Austin, TX

I support Representative Capriglione on this important legislation. I am writing/testifying FOR this bill. Assuring Texans have the right to use cash or other mediums of exchange is essential in a time where governments are threatening to issue digital currencies. This Constitutional Amendment assures the sovereignty of Texas and Texans to choose what medium of exchange is appropriate for their families and communities. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of Representative Capriglione to file and carry this important legislation and I encourage the committee to vote for this bill and put it on the floor.

Thank you committee members for your consideration.

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Jeannie Arbogast  
Self  
Colleyville, TX

Amend the Texas Constitution to disallow Texas joining currency with anyone else ever. Texas will have its own currency if the world is starting a socialist world order.

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Laura Oakley  
self  
Grapevine, TX

Protect our rights to own cash, gold, or whatever medium of exchange we choose. Say no to digital currency only!

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Lee Jacobsen  
Self  
Tye, TX

I support this Bill it reflects Texas Independence and freedoms

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Gloria Kennickell  
self  
Garland, TX

I fully support this bill. Texas needs to protect the financial interests and freedoms of its constituents. "...No government shall prohibit or encumber the ownership or holding of any form or amount of money or other currency."

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Sheryl Miller  
Self - IT industry  
College Station, TX

I support HJR 146 with the belief that it gives Texans a fighting chance to defend ourselves against a social credit system instituted by the Federal Government and fashioned after the Chinese system. This bill helps uphold our First Amendment right to free speech. Thank you.

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Randy Skinner  
Self  
Houston, TX

I stand with this amendment

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Jeanne Huryn  
self  
The Woodlands, TX

Yes, I am for this bill. Cash must be protected

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Sherry Eller  
Self  
Temple, TX

I support HJR 146. Please quickly pass HJR 146 favorably out of committee to the full House.

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Lisa Lusby  
Self  
Austin, TX

Totally support this! We need the right to conduct commerce transactions in cash and not in some digital media.

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Jennifer Hall  
Self  
Fort Worth, TX

I support HJR 146 and greatly appreciate Chairman Capriglione for standing for Texans financial freedom.

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Tommy Meyers  
Self  
Bullard, TX

I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.

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Denise McNamara, Mrs.  
Grassroots  
Dallas, TX

Please support!

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Tanya Robertson  
Self  
Corrigan, TX

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Please vote this resolution favorably out of committee to protect the privacy and livelihood of ALL Texans.

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Carolyn Lux  
Self/Retired /RN  
Fredericksburg, TX

Please vote in favor of this resolution. Protect our sovereign rights! Thank you.

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susan Lucas  
retired  
BRYAN, TX

PLEASE SUPPORT this bill and get it to the floor of HOUSE ASAP

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Ryan Whitehead  
Self  
Plano, TX

I support HJR 146

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Cynthia Ragain  
Moms for Liberty  
Austin, TX

I fully support this amendment that provides Texas citizens to use any medium of exchange we see fit to block the use of Central Bank Digital Currency. We do not want this in Texas.

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Kevin Cole  
self  
Keller, TX

This should be approved to prevent Federal Government overreach. Surprised this would even be a question.

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Belynda Verges  
self  
Martindale, TX

Texans should have the right to their own medium of exchange. We should not be forced to only use CBDC . Thank you Belynda Verges

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Sandra Slater, Dr  
Self  
Fredericksburg, TX

I highly support this bill. Please make it a reality.

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Robert Slater  
Self  
Fredricksburg, TX

Please do all you can to pass this bill. I highly support it.

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Russell Wells  
Self  
Huntsville, TX

I support this legislation. It needs to be advanced out of committee for a vote.

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Richard McKenzie  
self - retired fixed income derivatives trader  
Austin, TX

I support HJR 146. The people of Texas must not be limited in their natural property right to transact and exchange value with one another by any means they deem fit. Kudos to Rep Capriglione for writing this vital resolution!

Thank you.

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Mark Coppock  
Self  
Bryan, TX

Howdy all, support support support! TEXANS NEED THIS.

Very best regards,

Mark Coppock  
Bryan

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Alexandru Ardel  
self  
Austin, TX

I absolutely support this bill. PLEASE VOTE YES !  
IT IS CRITICAL FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF FREEDOM.  
CBDC is a totalitarian monstrosity and an absolute red line.

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Sharon Wilkerson  
Self  
Dripping Springs, TX

I support the right to use any medium of exchange I want. I support HJR146. Please support it as well.

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Michael Hood  
self  
Lakeway, TX

I wholeheartedly support this bill , and ask that you pass it out of committee and onward for a vote of the full House / Senate .  
Thank you .

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Shirley McFarland  
Self  
Dallas, TX

I support this bill. Please pass it out of committee.

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randy woody  
self  
odessa, TX

I support this bill

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Allen Wilkerson  
Self  
Hearne, TX

Vote yes on this!

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Clint Stutts  
Self/Self  
Malakoff, TX

Please pass this favorably out of committee!

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Sandra Gravley, Ms  
Self  
Frisco, TX

Please pass this bill to protect our moneys from the federal controll

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Henry Morgan  
self  
Dallas, TX

I am in favor of this bill as digital currency, as proposed by the Biden Administration, has NOT worked for China or India, as an example; rather, it serves as a way of controlling the people which is wrong.

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Amy Cassels  
Self  
Magnolia, TX

I support HJR 146!!!

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Sandra Gravley, Ms  
Self  
Frisco, TX

I support this bill please pass

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Deborah Hoeft  
Valiant Custom Builders  
Lakeway, TX

I support HJR 146

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Clara Velez  
Self  
Mesquite, TX

“I support this bill. I am asking the members of the committee to pass this bill out of the committee.

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David Arbuckle  
self, self employed  
GRANBURY, TX

Please vote to pass this bill. Thank you

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David Reichenecker  
Self  
Clyde, TX

Please support this bill.  
Thank you.

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Tomalea Bench, Mrs  
Self  
Huntsville, TX

I support this.

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Thomas Matthew Sistrunk  
Matt Sistrunk - Blockchain/Cryptocurrency/PreciousMetals Professional  
El Paso, TX

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CBDC system in Texas without another alternative would be tragic for citizens who live day to day on cash. There are many  
working poor Texans who don't have access to electronic devices and/or the internet.  
Please vote this resolution favorably out of committee to protect the privacy and livelihood of ALL Texans.

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Roxanne R Stage  
Self  
Cleveland, TX

Please vote FOR this bill.

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Heather Fitzgerald  
Self  
Azle, TX

We should NOT be forced to participate in global cashlessness. There should be a way to opt out and still feed your family.

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Ann Walton  
Self  
College Station, TX

That is already provided in our constitution  
We do not need amendments on money. We need to obey and get our bills of credit tied to real constitutional object of barter-  
gold and silver - honest weight and measures - values set by Congress.

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Joe Palmer  
Self  
FORT WORTH, TX

I am writing in favor of HJR 146.

Thank you for this resolution. I urge members of the committee to vote this out, mainly for the reason that cash is relied on by small churches for tithing. Oftentimes churches operate on a modest budget, and would not have the ability or savvy to implement an electronic payment system. Cash is how our seasoned generation is used to doing things, and yes they are still around.

It is quite possible that we don't truly realize the ramifications of a cashless society. There are many reasons to have and be able to use cash. Two years ago, a friend was traveling from Missouri to Texas, and did not have any cash. This was during the winter, and storms had knocked out power along the way. Power had gone out here, as well, in a small pocket in Crowley, and there was at least one gas station that could not accept credit or debit for fuel purchases, even though the pumps were functioning. Anyone who has worked in retail knows that point of sale systems are not bulletproof.

It is likely that any other points I could share with members will be made by others also in support, so I will close with my gratitude for your careful consideration and favorable vote on this important piece of legislation.

Joe Palmer  
817 903 5320

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Nathan Smith  
self, self-employed  
Canyon Lake, TX

I support letting Texans vote on this constitutional amendment because it acknowledges important protections so that we as the people can continue to make individual choices about what is best for our own financial responsibility and future. It's important to protect everyone including those with the least means from the financial industry and regulators who have proposed limiting our ability to hold certain currencies and asset types.

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Amelia Bhide  
Self  
Sugar Land, TX

I support this resolution. Although it seems it would be common sense, I believe it is important to safeguard a person's ability to transact for goods and services with a mutually agreed upon medium of exchange. I also believe the government should not infringe on what types or amounts of currency or money a person holds, nor should it be able to deem any form of money/currency/medium of exchange not legal tender if those involved are agreed.

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Larry Musick  
self  
Corsicana, TX

Please pass out of committee . We as Texans should have the freedom to coin our own money and be able to use coin/cash to pay all our bills and provide privacy in all transactions.

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Vincent Lasfargues  
Self  
Austin, TX

Please vote FOR this HJR 146 proposition. Thank you.

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Russell Hankins  
Self  
Brookshire, TX

We must do all we can to prevent our own federal government from controlling us and our God given freedoms by manipulating our money supply and free trade. This proposed amendment is a good way Texans can help prevent control by a tyrannical federal government.

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Brenda Taucher  
Self  
Houston, TX

It is time to be independent and financially secure. The current federal government is destroying America.

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Craig Licciardi  
Self  
Flint, TX

I support this bill- we need more freedom, not government tyranny and external controls on our financial freedom. REAL economic justice is expanding freedom to the people, not growing government bloat.

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Laura Jacobs  
Self  
Dallas, TX

I strongly support this bill.

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Israel Murillo  
Self  
Katy, TX

Please vote yes on this proposition because it paves the way to strengthen our ability to resist federal overreach in financial matters.

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Paula Moore, Ms  
Self retired  
San Antonio, TX

I support this bill

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Charles Medford  
self  
Jarrell, TX

I fully support this resolution. It should have been ratified as part of the Bill of Rights at founding of the Union.

The inalienable right to own, hold, and trade money or currency is derived from the same natural law that led to the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. constitution. But because there is no evidence that the federal government will restrain itself with regard to opportunities to control money in particular, special and explicit protection is warranted.

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Rebecca Ulmer  
Self. Retired.  
Grapevine, TX

Please get this bill passed, whatever it takes! There is no doubt that this is the best thing for us Texans!

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Margaret Whitt, SREC SD 8 Committeewoman, Pct. 144 Chair, President Minority Engagement Group  
self retired  
Murphy, TX

In order to preserve our freedom and protect against undue outside influence, I respectfully request that you all support this constitutional amendment relating to the right to own, hold and use a mutually agreed upon medium of exchange.

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Joel McGregor  
Denton county precinct chair #4217  
Northlake, TX

Please protect our right to use money from the Feds!

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Patricia Moore  
"self" Retired Teacher Alief ISD/ currently Alief ISD substitute teacher  
Houston, TX

Please vote YES on HJR146 regarding proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the right to own, hold, and use a mutually agreed upon medium of exchange

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