

Governor Katie Hobbs
Office of the Governor
1700 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Hobbs,

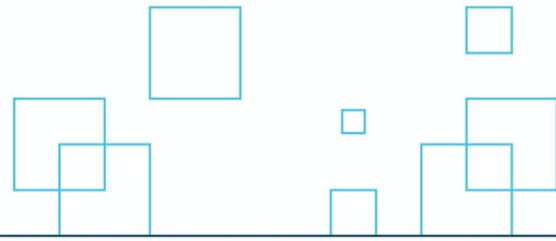
On behalf of the Chamber of Digital Commerce, I am writing to express our strong support for SCR 1016, which encourages the Arizona State Retirement System and the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System to explore the potential inclusion of digital assets, such as Bitcoin, in their investment portfolios. The Chamber is the world's first and largest blockchain trade association. Our mission is to promote the acceptance and use of digital assets and blockchain technology. We are supported by a diverse membership that represents the blockchain industry globally, including Arizona businesses.

The digital asset landscape is rapidly evolving, and it is crucial for retirement systems to stay ahead of the curve and consider the potential benefits of investing in this innovative asset class. Bitcoin, with its market capitalization of approximately one trillion dollars, has gained significant interest from institutional investors and has been approved for inclusion in several exchange-traded funds (ETFs) by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Investing in digital asset ETFs can provide retirement systems with diversification and exposure to a new asset class that has shown promising growth potential. Furthermore, as the resolution highlights, the federal government holds approximately 200,000 Bitcoin, indicating its recognition of the value and importance of digital assets.

The Chamber of Digital Commerce believes that Arizona's state retirement systems have an obligation to explore all viable investment opportunities that can generate returns and safeguard the financial futures of their members. By closely monitoring the developments in Bitcoin ETFs and other digital asset ETFs and considering the implications of including such assets in their investment portfolios, the Arizona State Retirement System and the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System can position themselves at the forefront of this emerging asset class.

Although SCR 1016, as a concurrent resolution, does not require your direct support, we believe your support is crucial to ensuring the state's retirement systems have the necessary resources and guidance to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study on the



potential benefits and risks of investing in digital asset ETFs. This forward-thinking approach will not only benefit the members of these retirement systems but also solidify Arizona's position as a leader in embracing innovative financial technologies.

The Chamber of Digital Commerce stands ready to provide any additional information or support needed to facilitate the successful implementation of SCR 1016 and the exploration of digital asset investment opportunities for Arizona's retirement systems.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you to ensure a secure and prosperous future for the residents of Arizona.

Sincerely,

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