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To the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation:

I am submitting this comment because I believe U.S. bank capital rules should treat Bitcoin according to its actual risks, not through a blanket penalty that makes regulated bank involvement economically impractical.

The 1,250% is a terrible approach as it puts too much demand on banks and limits the banks ability to do its job if it also holds BTC, which should also be its job. The better approach is to develop a risk sensitive framework. It will allow banks to have more options and more importantly, allow them to bank BTC in order for its customers to maintain their current relationships. If banks are not allowed to do this efficiently than they risk losing those customers to smaller, more volatile institutions and the US government will lose billions/trillions in money supply.