

ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES ON BANKS ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

<u>SUBJECT</u>: Impact of financial technology (FinTech) and its role in New York's banking industry

<u>PURPOSE</u>: To examine the services offered by FinTech companies and their role within New York's banking industry.

Albany Thursday, March 7th, 2024 Hearing Room C Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor 10:00 A.M.

Financial technology, also known as FinTech, provides individuals with more options to store, share, and spend money through online companies such as Venmo, Wealthfront, Affirm, and PayPal. These companies have played a large role in providing new banking services to individuals in underbanked and unbanked communities, including in New York State. However, developments in the FinTech space are relatively recent and the industry has continued to grow exponentially in recent years. Without the cost of brick-and-mortar branch locations, these services are often free or provided at very little cost. While these innovations may provide value and accessibility, some of these services may not have the same amount of oversight as traditional banks. It is important to ensure these forms of banking are subject to appropriate oversight, including cybersecurity and transaction integrity protections, given the evolving pace of cybercrime in financial transactions. This hearing will examine the services offered by FinTech companies, their role in New York's banking industry, and their impact on access to financial services for New Yorkers.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to five minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on providing banking services to the impact of financial technology (FinTech) in New York State to be conducted before the Assembly Committees on Banks & Science and Technology on March 7th, 2024
- □ I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to **five minutes**, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
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