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H. R. 5913

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 2021

Mr. SHERMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Investors
5 from Excessive SPACs Fees Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION RELATING TO CERTAIN SPECIAL PUR-**
2 **POSE ACQUISITION COMPANIES.**

3 (a) INVESTMENT ADVISERS.—Section 206 of the In-
4 vestment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b–6) is
5 amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “or” at the
7 end;

8 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at
9 the end and inserting “; or”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(5) to facilitate the transaction of, or rec-
12 ommend, securities of a special purpose acquisition
13 company, as defined by the Commission, to a person
14 who is not an accredited investor (as defined in sec-
15 tion 2(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C.
16 77b)), unless—

17 “(A) the promote or similar economic com-
18 pensation of the special purpose acquisition
19 company is 5 percent or less; or

20 “(B) the special purpose acquisition com-
21 pany makes such disclosures to the Commission
22 as the Commission, by rule, may determine to
23 be necessary or appropriate in the public inter-
24 est or for the protection of investors.”.

25 (b) BROKERS AND REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVES
26 OF BROKERS.—Section 15 of the Securities Exchange Act

1 of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78o) is amended by adding at the end
2 the following:

3 “(p) PROHIBITION RELATING TO CERTAIN SPECIAL
4 PURPOSE ACQUISITION COMPANIES.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A broker and any reg-
6 istered representative of a broker shall be prohibited
7 from facilitating the transaction of, or recom-
8 mending, securities of a special purpose acquisition
9 company, as defined by the Commission, to a person
10 who is not an accredited investor (as defined in sec-
11 tion 2(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C.
12 77b)), unless—

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14 pensation of the special purpose acquisition
15 company is 5 percent or less; or

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18 as the Commission, by rule, may determine to
19 be necessary or appropriate in the public inter-
20 est or for the protection of investors.

21 “(2) REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE OF A
22 BROKER DEFINED.—In this subsection, with respect
23 to a broker, the term ‘registered representative of a
24 broker’ means an individual who represents the

1 broker in effecting or attempting to effect a pur-
2 chase or sale of securities.”.

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