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SEC's Crypto Task Force to Hold Nationwide Roundtables for Broader Industry Input

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The United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is expanding its outreach on cryptocurrency regulation, announcing a series of nationwide roundtables to be hosted by its Crypto Task Force. Beginning August 4, the events will take place in 10 cities across the country through the end of the year, offering stakeholders an opportunity to engage directly with SEC officials on the future of digital asset regulation.

According to the SEC's announcement, the initiative will be led by Commissioner Hester Peirce, a long-standing advocate for balanced and transparent cryptocurrency regulation. The goal is to connect with individuals and organizations who were unable to attend the earlier series of discussions held in Washington, D.C. earlier this year.

"We want to hear from people who were not able to travel for the roundtables that took place this past spring in Washington, D.C. and may not have had a voice in past policymaking efforts," Peirce said in a press release. "The Crypto Task Force is acutely aware that any regulatory framework will have far-reaching effects, and we want to ensure that our outreach is as comprehensive as possible."

The SEC formed its Crypto Task Force to examine regulatory approaches to the rapidly evolving digital asset sector, which includes cryptocurrencies, stablecoins, and blockchain-based financial products. These upcoming roundtables are part of a broader strategy to collect input from a diverse range of market participants, from retail investors and entrepreneurs to established financial institutions.

Industry observers view these sessions as an opportunity for the crypto community to influence potential rulemaking and compliance standards. While the SEC has been criticized in recent years for what some see as an overly restrictive stance toward digital assets, the current initiative signals a willingness to foster more open dialogue between regulators and market participants.

The 10-city tour will conclude by the end of the year, after which the SEC is expected to review and compile feedback gathered from the sessions. The commission has emphasized that while no immediate policy changes will be announced during these events, the discussions will help shape its approach to crypto oversight in the years ahead.