Bitcoin Fans Are Suddenly a Political Force

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Howard Schweitzer was quoted in the *Wall Street Journal* discussing the impact cryptocurrency has had on politics lately. Rep. Mike Conaway, an eight-term Texas Republican who didn't seek reelection last year, is now registered to lobby for Ripple Labs Inc., a cryptocurrency startup. Howard lobbies for Bitcoin Association for BSV, an industry group that says it supports offshoot of bitcoin. Like the decentralized currencies it embraces, the industry doesn't have a singular voice in Washington.

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