

whistleblower protections

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We can simply say we should strengthen whistleblower protections or we can do a full blown policy. Here's what groups recommend when I investigated it; we just had so much I didn't include, my bad:

Whistleblowers have played an important role in maintaining honesty and integrity in government. The whistleblower protection system has two significant problems: 1) employees at the FBI and intelligence agencies like the CIA and NSA were never protected under the 1989 Whistleblowers Protection Act (WPA), and 2) protections afforded to other federal employees under WPA have been consistently weakened by federal courts. The result is that employees are stripped of their security clearances, pressured into resigning or fired outright. We should ensure protections must have wide coverage. This allows whistleblowers to give a wide range of evidence, make a report to a wide range of people and expose a wide range of abuses. Legislation must also protect anonymity and those who are seen as aiding a whistleblower. And we should ensure protections must guarantee whistleblowers a true day in court and other alternatives for dispute resolution for any labor-management issues. And finally, protections must provide real relief for vindicated whistleblowers including comprehensive compensation, interim relief, coverage of attorney fees, the option to transfer and require personal accountability for violators.