

Excerpts From Editorials in Support of Whistleblower Protection Enhancement

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“It's high time for...Congress to actually protect those who witness wrongs and try to make government better or at least live up to its mandate. Government whistle-blowers have been the backbone of government oversight and improvement for generations, often times at great expense to themselves and their families as they face retaliation in the form of harassment, intimidation in the workplace, and firings. ”

— *The Washington Times*, February 5, 2009

“Abuse and waste enrage Republicans and Democrats alike. Without enhanced whistle-blower protections for the employees who risk their careers to report them, all Americans are ill-served by government.”

— *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, September 18, 2008

“Members of Congress should get busy and pass a strong compromise bill...Congress has given far greater protection to whistle-blowers in the private sector. Why not act now to give federal employees relief if they blow the whistle on such things as lax oversight of drugs at the Food and Drug Administration or billions of dollars wasted in no-bid defense contracts or cozy relationships between Federal Aviation Administration inspectors and certain airlines?”

— *Hartford Courant*, September 17, 2008

“Until and unless Congress acts, the public will fail to receive the protections an empowered federal work force can provide. Federal employees, who are crucial to protecting the public health and safety, have been waiting for years to receive the strong protections Congress has given their colleagues in the private sector.”

— *Delco Times (PA)*, September 10, 2008

“...people inside organizations, rather than external investigators, are best equipped to reveal information about procedures or products that imperil public safety...[it] is necessary to restore whistleblower protections that have been eroded by court decisions over the years and generally to update the law.”

— *Republican Herald (PA)*, September 4, 2008

“Government whistleblowers go public at substantial risk to their career. They're subject to retaliation by their managers and may lose their jobs, opportunity for advancement or even forfeit their careers. Yet there are insufficient legal protections in federal law for government employees who undertake what is often an excruciating act of conscience...When whistleblowers act, they do so to hold government accountable and should be protected, not punished, for their courage.”

— *Kennebec Journal (ME)*, July 30, 2008

“Americans have a right to know when their government is frittering away their tax dollars or trampling on civil liberties -- and, in many cases, the only way for that to happen is for whistleblowers to come forward.”

— *The San Francisco Chronicle*, February 16, 2006