



Dear Member of Congress,

The persons and organizations signed below would like to alert you that May 13-19, 2007, is "Whistleblower Week in Washington." More than 40 public interest groups have joined in this extraordinary event, designed to highlight and promote open government, good government, and protection for whistleblowers who speak out on issues such as the nation's health, the environment, national security, veteran's rights, Constitutional rights, taxpayers' rights, fiscal mismanagement, and other matters of public concern.

We commend the House for passing H.R. 985, the most significant breakthrough for whistleblower rights in history, earlier this year. Now, public interest groups are banding together to ask the Senate to expand on this work by passing legislation that ensures every whistleblower is given meaningful protection under the law. This will protect the national interest by protecting individuals who speak out for the public good.

We would like Congress to declare its support for the goals of "Whistleblower Week in Washington." We invite each member of Congress and their staffs to participate in the illuminating and informative events we are sponsoring, and to meet with the delegations of whistleblower groups and constituents who will be in Washington that week. We are pleased to announce that this will be the largest, most diverse gathering of whistleblower and public interest groups in U.S. history. This is a completely bipartisan effort. Groups across the ideological spectrum, which represent numerous individual causes, are joining hands to promote our national interest by protecting whistleblowers who speak out for the public good.

One major event will be the Whistleblower Tribunal to be held in the Cannon building from 9 AM to 12 noon Tuesday, May 15. Whistleblowers will present dramatic personal stories from all sectors of American society about how their actions served to protect tens or millions of their fellow citizens. On Monday, May 14, panels will detail congressional initiatives to amend the Whistleblower Protection Act and the False Claims Act, and to oversee the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of Special Counsel, and scientific integrity in government research. We will be distributing a complete program of all events for "Whistleblower Week in Washington" shortly, and hope you will be able to attend some or all of the events.

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