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OPM OIG Celebrates National Whistleblower Appreciation Day 2025

Today, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management Office of the Inspector General (OPM OIG) joins agencies across the federal government to recognize the importance of all whistleblowers and the contributions they make to promote accountability and efficiency in the federal government. The origin of whistleblower protections in the United States dates back to July 30, 1778. We now commemorate July 30th as National Whistleblower Appreciation Day. As we celebrate this occasion, we recognize the long-standing commitment of federal employees and employees of contractors and grantees to report fraud, waste, and abuse. The OPM OIG truly values the role that whistleblowers play in government oversight.

At OPM OIG, we strive to make sure whistleblowers feel safe to come forward, speak frankly, and do what is right without fear of retaliation or harassment. The OPM OIG maintains a hotline to receive whistleblower complaints pertaining to fraud, waste, and abuse. OPM employees and employees of contractors and grantees may submit a hotline complaint, a whistleblower retaliation complaint, or call (877) 499-7295. You may also contact the OPM OIG Whistleblower Protection Coordinator for general information about your rights under the whistleblower protection laws at opmoigwhistleblower@opm.gov. Blowing the whistle to the OIG is a protected disclosure, this link explains what qualifies as a protected disclosure and who else is an authorized recipient of one. Also, please note that whistleblowers can choose to remain anonymous when reporting to the OIG.

Lastly, Federal employees may also choose to contact the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) to disclose fraud, waste, and abuse. For more information on OSC and on whistleblower protection rights, please <u>visit OSC's website</u>.

Thank you,

Norbert E. Vint Deputy Inspector General Performing the Duties of the Inspector