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Joint Message on National Whistleblower Appreciation Day Issued by the OPM Director and OPM Inspector General

July 30th is National Whistleblower Appreciation Day. On this day, we join 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. 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 U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and the OPM Office of the Inspector General (OIG) truly value the role that whistleblowers play in government oversight. Whistleblowers, dedicated public servants who simply have the resolve to do the right thing, demonstrate great courage when reporting wrongdoing in the workplace.

At OPM, we strive to make sure that 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 waste, fraud, and abuse. OPM employees and employees of contractors and grantees may contact the hotline via the following link at <https://oig.opm.gov/contact/hotline>, or by phone at (877) 499-7295. They may also contact the OPM OIG Whistleblower Protection Coordinator for general information about their rights under the whistleblower protection laws at opmoigwhistleblower@opm.gov. Whistleblowers can choose to remain anonymous when reporting to the OIG.

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 whistleblower protection rights, please visit the OSC's website at <https://osc.gov/>.

Thank you

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