



## **COUNCIL OF THE INSPECTORS GENERAL ON INTEGRITY AND EFFICIENCY**

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### **Statement from CIGIE Chairperson Mark Lee Greenblatt and Vice Chairperson Tammy Hull on National Whistleblower Appreciation Day**

Today is National Whistleblower Appreciation Day, a day for the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) and the Inspector General (IG) community to join agencies across the Federal government to recognize the importance of all whistleblowers and the contributions they make to promote accountability and efficiency in Federal programs and operations.

Whistleblowing is defined as the disclosure of information that one reasonably believes is evidence of a violation of any law, rule, or regulation; gross mismanagement; a gross waste of funds; an abuse of authority; or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety. Federal law prohibits retaliation against Federal employees when they blow the whistle on alleged agency wrongdoing.

For the past 10 years, the U.S. Senate has unanimously recognized July 30 as National Whistleblower Appreciation Day. The day commemorates the passage of the very first whistleblower law by the U.S. Congress on July 30, 1778.

As we celebrate this occasion, we recognize the efforts of whistleblowers to report fraud, waste, and abuse, as well as the courage these individuals demonstrate. CIGIE and the IG community value the pivotal role that whistleblowers play in government oversight.

IGs across the Federal government maintain their own hotlines to receive whistleblower complaints from Federal employees—CIGIE’s Oversight.gov website maintains an [interactive search engine](#) to help employees know where to report fraud, waste, and abuse. Federal employees may also contact the [U.S. Office of Special Counsel](#) (OSC) to report concerns about whistleblower retaliation. For more information on whistleblower protection rights, please visit the OSC’s website at <https://osc.gov/>.

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