

May 20, 2026

Senator Charles Grassley
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Ron Wyden
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Support for IRS Whistleblower Program Improvement Act

Dear Senators Grassley and Wyden:

The National Whistleblower Center (“NWC”) strongly supports the IRS Whistleblower Program Improvement Act (“IRS WPIA”). An identical version of this law, H.R. 7959, was recently passed by the House of Representatives after being unanimously approved by the House Ways and Means Committee. The IRS WPIA will revitalize and strengthen the existing tax whistleblower program and greatly enhance the ability of the United States to detect and prosecute large tax frauds, especially those committed using illegal overseas accounts.

The IRS WIA directly addresses the single biggest problem with the current law: delays in compensating whistleblowers averaging over eleven years. It also addresses other procedural issues, providing whistleblowers with due process in tax court if their claims are arbitrarily denied and strengthening confidentiality protections.

The NWC greatly appreciates your strong support for whistleblowers, especially those who report tax evasion. It is unfair to every honest taxpayer when others cheat and escape detection, and tax fraud is often impossible to detect without the help of an insider. Unacceptable delays and an inability to effectively appeal arbitrary award denials discourage whistleblowers from going to the government. Without the reforms included in the IRS WPIA, whistleblowers with knowledge of tax fraud will be disincentivized from stepping forward.

This bill is urgently needed to keep our tax system fair and appropriately incentivize and protect whistleblowers who risk their reputations and livelihoods by providing information to the IRS.

Again, thank you for your past support for tax fairness and accountability. The NWC greatly appreciates your work on behalf of all whistleblowers. Please feel free to directly reach out to me through my personal email, sk@kkc.com. Our Legal Fellow, Alice Wanamaker, can also help address any issues related to this matter. Her email is alice.wanamaker@kkc.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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