

Joint Message on National Whistleblower Appreciation Day

Issued by the FDIC Chairman and FDIC Inspector General

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Dear colleagues,

Today is National Whistleblower Appreciation Day which commemorates the passage of our nation's first whistleblower law on this day in 1778, and the U.S. Senate formally recognized this historic event in a unanimous resolution in 2019. The FDIC Inspector General Jay Lerner and I take this opportunity to remind you of your obligation to report any instances of fraud, waste, or abuse at the FDIC.

If you observe any instances of wrongdoing, report it immediately to a supervisor or management, the [Office of Inspector General](#) (OIG), or the [U.S. Office of Special Counsel](#) (OSC), an independent federal agency that provides a confidential channel for federal employees to disclose wrongdoing.

It is crucial that employees are able to make whistleblower disclosures without fear of retaliation. IG Lerner and I want to ensure that you are aware of and understand the federal whistleblower protection laws that apply to employees of government agencies.

Two OSC publications, "[Know Your Rights When Reporting Wrongs](#)" and "[Your Rights as an Employee of a Government Corporation](#)" provide more information. In addition, the FDIC Whistleblower Protection Coordinator is located in the OIG and is available to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about the avenues for making whistleblower disclosures, prohibited personnel practices involving retaliation, and employees' rights to file complaints. You can reach the Whistleblower Protection Coordinator at www.fdicigoig.gov/oig-hotline.

Thank you,

Chairman Jelena McWilliams
Inspector General Jay N. Lerner

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