

## HR 1507

Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

**Introduced:** Mar 12, 2009

**Current Status:** Committee Hearings Held.

**Latest Action:** Committee Hearings Held. (May 14, 2009)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** Senate

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Rep. Braley, Bruce L. [D-IA-1]	D · IA		Mar 12, 2009
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Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Mar 12, 2009
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Mar 12, 2009
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Apr 21, 2009
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		May 18, 2009
Rep. Ruppertsberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Jun 16, 2009
Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jun 23, 2009
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-25]	D · TX		Sep 8, 2009
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Sep 17, 2009
Rep. Ackerman, Gary L. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Nov 2, 2009
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Feb 4, 2010
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Feb 23, 2010
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Mar 16, 2010
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jul 28, 2010
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Jul 28, 2010
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Jul 30, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 12, 2009
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Hearings By (full committee)	May 14, 2009

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 372	Related bill	<b>Dec 22, 2010:</b> Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate bill.

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### Summary (as of Mar 12, 2009)

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Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2009 - Amends federal personnel law relating to whistleblower protections to expand the concept of protected disclosure to include lawful disclosures without restriction to time, place, form, motive, context, forum, or prior disclosure, including a disclosure made in the ordinary course of an employee's duties. Defines evidentiary standards applicable to whistleblower disclosures. Includes as a prohibited personnel practice against whistleblowers the implementation or enforcement of any nondisclosure policy, form, or agreement, a suspension or revocation of a security clearance, and an investigation of a whistleblower.

Directs the Comptroller General to conduct a study of security clearance revocations of federal employees at a select sample of executive branch agencies and report to Congress on such study.

Provides for expedited review of Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) decisions interpreting whistleblower protections in U.S. district court. Grants authority to MSPB to determine whether whistleblower security clearances were properly suspended or revoked.

Expands whistleblower protection to employees or former employees of a national security agency. Prohibits reprisals against such employees, including revocations of their security clearances, for making disclosures.

Extends whistleblower protections to contractors, employees of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and individuals who disclose censorship related to federal research or technical information.

### Actions Timeline

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- **May 14, 2009:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform
- **Mar 12, 2009:** Referred to House Homeland Security

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