

HR 2196

To amend title 5, United States Code, to allow whistleblowers to disclose information to certain recipients.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Russell, Steve [R-OK-5]

Party: Republican • **State:** OK • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Apr 27, 2017
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		May 2, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 11, 2018
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Oct 10, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 11, 2018)

(Sec. 1) This bill modifies whistle-blower protections for federal employees or applicants who disclose classified national security information, or other protected information, that evidences wrongdoing.

Currently, it is unlawful to retaliate against a federal employee for disclosing classified or protected information of wrongdoing to one of the following recipients: (1) the Office of Inspector General of their agency, (2) the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, or (3) a designated agency employee. This bill expands the list of recipients to whom a federal employee may make a protected disclosure to include a supervisor in the employee's direct chain of command.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 11, 2018:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson without amendment. With written report No. 115-346.
- **Oct 11, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 629.
- **Sep 26, 2018:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Oct 16, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Oct 11, 2017:** Mr. Russell moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 11, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7950-7951)
- **Oct 11, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2196.
- **Oct 11, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7950)
- **Oct 11, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7950)
- **Oct 11, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 10, 2017:** Reported by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H. Rept. 115-342.
- **Oct 10, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 247.
- **May 2, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 2, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 27, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 27, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.