

## S 2529

### Whistleblower Programs Improvement Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Sep 23, 2019
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 23, 2019
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Sep 23, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Dec 3, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Dec 9, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jan 9, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 23, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Finance and Financial Sector

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 4816	Related bill	<b>Nov 13, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
116 HR 2515	Related bill	<b>Jul 10, 2019:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

## **Whistleblower Programs Improvement Act**

This bill expands whistleblower protections with regard to commodities and securities law violations. Specifically, the bill extends protections from retaliation to individuals who (1) assist in a Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) or in a Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) investigation of these violations, (2) make disclosures that are required or protected under any law subject to the CFTC's or the SEC's jurisdiction, or (3) provide information to supervisors or other employees with the authority to investigate potential misconduct. Currently, these protections apply only to individuals who report information directly to the CFTC or the SEC.

The bill also provides for the processing of these whistleblower awards no later than one year after the deadline to file a claim.

## **Actions Timeline**

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