

HR 4816

Whistleblower Programs Improvement Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** IA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 13, 2019
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 23, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6197	Related bill	Mar 11, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.
116 HR 4895	Related bill	Nov 26, 2019: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 254.
116 S 2529	Related bill	Sep 23, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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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) investigation of these violations, (2) make disclosures that are required or protected under any law subject to the CFTC'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.

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

- **Nov 13, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
- **Oct 23, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 23, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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.