

## HR 4816

### Whistleblower Programs Improvement Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Finance and Financial Sector

**Introduced:** Oct 23, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit. (Nov 13, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/4816>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]

**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

#### Policy Area:

Finance and Financial Sector

### Related Bills

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

## **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) 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**

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- **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.