

## HR 1265

Enhancing Protections for Whistleblower Anonymity Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 23, 2021
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Enhancing Protections for Whistleblower Anonymity Act

This bill establishes a new criminal offense related to the disclosure of a whistle-blower's identity.

Specifically, the bill prohibits a federal employee or contractor from disclosing the identity of a whistle-blower or identifying information about a whistle-blower. A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to one year, or both.

Additionally, the bill authorizes a whistle-blower to file a civil suit against a federal employee or contractor who discloses or threatens to disclose the whistle-blower's identify.

The bill includes exceptions for disclosures that are made to other government employees and permitted under current law.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Feb 23, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 23, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.