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Expanding Whistleblower Protections for Contractors Act of 2025

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]
Party: Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Jul 15, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Markup By	Jul 30, 2025
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 5578	Related bill	**Jul 21, 2026:** Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 465.
119 S 4631	Related bill	**May 21, 2026:** Held at the desk.

Summary (as of Mar 5, 2025)

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This bill expands whistleblower protections for employees of federal contractors and grant recipients to include the act of refusing to obey an unlawful order and to apply these protections to members of the intelligence community and other governmental employees.

Current law protects employees of federal contractors or grant recipients from a reprisal (i.e., discharge, demotion, or discrimination) for disclosing evidence to Congress or another appropriate official of certain misconduct involving federal contracts, grants, or funds. The bill expands these protections to include an employee's refusal to obey an order that would require the employee to violate a law, rule, or regulation related to any contract, subcontract, grant, or subgrant. The bill also specifies that these protections apply to employees of federal contractors or grant recipients who are current or former members of the intelligence community or employees of state, local, or tribal governments.

Further, the bill specifies that these protections may not be waived in a predispute arbitration agreement and renders any such agreement unenforceable.

The bill specifies that an executive branch official may not request a federal contractor or grant recipient to engage in a reprisal against a protected employee, and it authorizes federal agencies to propose disciplinary action against officials that do so.

Actions Timeline

- **May 4, 2026:** Received in the House.
- **May 4, 2026:** Held at the desk.
- **May 1, 2026:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 29, 2026:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 29, 2026:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S2100-2102; text: CR S2100-2101)
- **Dec 9, 2025:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 289.
- **Dec 9, 2025:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Paul with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jul 30, 2025:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 5, 2025:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 5, 2025:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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