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Siri Nelson  
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Dear Ms. Nelson:

Thank you for your letter dated May 16, 2022, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, regarding the National Whistleblower Program. You expressed concern regarding the agency implementing educational programming around the National Whistleblower Day, celebrated each year on July 30. First, thank you for the work you do educating whistleblowers about their rights and furthering whistleblower policies. Organizations like yours are critical to furthering the mission of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to protect human health and the environment by rooting out fraud, waste, and abuse.

EPA is committed to educating employees about the rights and protections granted to whistleblowers. As examples, EPA's Office of Inspector General held a panel discussion on August 10, 2021, entitled, *An EPA OIG Panel Discussion—Commemorating National Whistleblower Appreciation Day 2021*. The panel described the significant contributions made by whistleblowers, shared compelling stories of working with whistleblowers and identified available resources for individuals considering making a protected disclosure. The agency also has an intranet page with information on whistleblower protections, the different avenues an employee may make a whistleblower disclosure and scientific integrity. Additionally, on April 5, 2022, Administrator Regan sent an agencywide email to EPA employees to re-educate them on their whistleblower protections.

EPA will comply with the 2021 Senate Resolution requirement to recognize National Whistleblower Day by informing the workforce about their legal right to the "blow the whistle." Additionally, we will highlight the contributions of whistleblowers and their valuable role in furthering the mission of our Agency. EPA thanks the National Whistleblower Center's offer to assist EPA in recognizing National Whistleblower Appreciation Day. EPA will address this matter internally.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Robert Coomber at [coomber.robert@epa.gov](mailto:coomber.robert@epa.gov) or (202) 564-0955.

Regards,

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