



May 9, 2023

Senator Charles Grassley
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Sent Electronically

Dear Senator Grassley:

On April 4th, you took a commendable and historic step in calling upon President Biden to be the first president to host a [Rose Garden ceremony for whistleblowers](#). In your [letter](#) you highlight that “whistleblowers are patriotic heroes who help identify violations of laws, rules, regulations, gross mismanagement, abuses of authority, and threats to public health and safety,” and that they frequently do so “at risk to their careers, reputation, and even health.”

Whistleblowers help make our government more transparent and less wasteful, and help us catch the bad actors engaged in misconduct. National Whistleblower Center (NWC) thanks you, Senator, for bringing the importance and the sacrifices of whistleblowers to President Biden’s attention.

NWC fully supports your request that President Biden host a Rose Garden ceremony honoring whistleblowers. The request for a Rose Garden ceremony is critical to recognizing whistleblowers, and we believe that the President must go even further. That is why we are asking for your help urging President Biden to take executive action and make National Whistleblower Day permanent.

On March 2nd of this year, five whistleblowers, led by former FBI agent Jane Turner, launched a new campaign. They are asking President Biden to sign an Executive Order permanently recognizing July 30th as National Whistleblower Day. These whistleblowers are at the helm of a movement to codify National Whistleblower Appreciation Day which stems from the very same thinking that you have articulated in your letter and in your lengthy record of defending

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whistleblowers. Fundamentally, change to the culture around blowing the whistle needs to occur. That is why an Executive Order that would mandate that every year on July 30th, federal agencies notify their employees of their rights, while additionally celebrating past successful whistleblowers, is necessary.

No one on Capitol Hill has done as much for whistleblowers and eliminating government waste, fraud, and abuse as you have. An Executive Order signed by President Biden would combine the honor of a Rose Garden ceremony with the teeth of an enforceable mandate. With your leadership we can take a monumental step forward in creating a federal work environment that welcomes hard truths, not silence and retaliation.

Please feel free to be in touch with any questions about NWC's efforts to support whistleblowers calling to Make National Whistleblower Day Permanent by e-mailing us at info@whistleblowers.org. We hope to have your support as a champion for whistleblowers and commend you for your relentless efforts to obtain a Rose Garden ceremony to recognize these national heroes.

Sincerely,

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