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## AmeriCorps Office of Inspector General Celebrates National Whistleblower Appreciation Day

Whistleblowers are the lifeblood of Office of Inspector General (OIG) work. AmeriCorps OIG appreciates the risks whistleblowers take, and knows that without them, many instances of waste, fraud, and abuse of public funds would go undetected.

Today, federal agencies across the government will join to observe **National Whistleblower Appreciation Day**, paying tribute to courageous individuals who choose to speak up, hold the government accountable, and preserve the rule of law. This year marks the 247th anniversary of America's first whistleblower law, which [passed](#) unanimously on July 30, 1778. The United States Senate has unanimously recognized July 30th as National Whistleblower Appreciation Day each year since 2013.

Whistleblowers play an essential role in good government: they save the taxpayers billions of dollars each year, promote efficiency, and hold government officials accountable. Whistleblowers help strengthen safeguards and improve important government programs and operations. AmeriCorps OIG relies on whistleblowers to report waste, fraud, and abuse in agency programs and operations. We extend our thanks to agency and grantee staff who report their concerns and appreciate AmeriCorps' long expressed commitment to the rights of all personnel to communicate freely with AmeriCorps OIG and to protect whistleblowers from retaliation.

AmeriCorps Interim CEO Jennifer Bastress Tahmasebi recently **reiterated these commitments** in a joint AmeriCorps and [OIG message to AmeriCorps staff](#) and grantees.

AmeriCorps OIG welcomes, respects, and supports whistleblowers, and works hard to vindicate them.

AmeriCorps employees and grantees have many channels for disclosing wrongdoing, including supervisors, managers, or agency officials, [AmeriCorps OIG's Hotline Web Portal](#) and [the Office of Special Counsel](#). Individuals can also contact [AmeriCorps OIG's Whistleblower Protection Coordinator](#) with questions about whistleblower rights.

We salute the courage of those who stood against fraud, waste, and abuse by reporting it, thereby protecting the American people and taxpayer funds.

### Learn More

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AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism, provides opportunities for more than 200,000 Americans to serve their country domestically, address the nation's most pressing challenges, improve lives and communities, and strengthen civic engagement.

Anyone with knowledge of potential fraud, waste, and abuse related to AmeriCorps programs should contact the AmeriCorps OIG hotline at 800-452-8210 or fill out our webform at <http://www.AmeriCorpsOIG.gov/hotline>.

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