Whistleblowers are key partners to Congress in carrying out its oversight responsibilities pursuant to Article I of the Constitution. This starter pack identifies best practice resources for committees when working with whistleblowers from the public and private sectors. Developed by the independent, nonpartisan Office of the Whistleblower Ombuds, this guidance is part of a larger resource and training library.

Contact the Office for confidential, customized guidance.

ONE PAGER: The Office of the Whistleblower Ombuds

The Office’s one pager provides an overview of its role and key services.

TRAINING MANUAL: Best Practices for Working with Whistleblowers

The Office’s training manual provides foundational guidance and model resources for working with whistleblowers. Available on HouseNet alongside downloadable templates, the manual pairs with the Office’s Best Practices for Working with Whistleblowers training.

VIDEO: Quick Tips: Working with Whistleblowers to Advance Oversight

This 5-minute video discusses how Congress can partner with whistleblowers to support oversight initiatives.

INFOGRAPHIC: Whistleblower Case Management Intake Workflow

This infographic is a desk guide for the case management workflow—from intake through partnering with the whistleblower in your follow-up work. It can be paired with Guiding Phrases for Working with Whistleblowers.

GUIDANCE: Congress’ Obligations When Working with Whistleblowers

This guidance document addresses common questions committees may have when working with whistleblowers on sensitive matters, including best practices for handling restricted information and compliance with the House Code of Official Conduct. It is part of a library of guidance documents.

FACT SHEET: Whistleblowers and Offices of Inspectors General

This fact sheet provides an overview of how whistleblowers may work with offices of inspectors general, including their role in administering some retaliation complaints. It is part of a larger menu of fact sheets.