NEXT STEPS
• Request a briefing from employer/whistleblower office/OIG
• Document requests for additional evidence
• Press release/floor statement
• Hold a hearing and consider remedial legislation
• More whistleblowers coming forward? New evidence to consider?
• Share menu of referral options

DISCLAIMERS
• Right to communicate with Congress
• Risk of retaliation, consult experienced counsel
• Blow the whistle on own time with own resources
• Your office’s jurisdiction
• No classified information over unsecured channels
• Office confidentiality practices, and right to confidentiality

DISCUSS
• Do not provide legal advice
• Desired confidentiality?
• Boundaries around further use of information
• Obtain consent prior to any sharing
• Share Survival Tips and menu of government and non-government referral options, advise them to obtain experienced counsel
• Refrain from accepting documentary evidence until you feel sure that you can accept it safely

VET THE ALLEGATIONS
• Homework assignments for potential whistleblower – timelines and detailed summaries of key evidence
• Consider alternate ways to safely get evidence
• Are there corroborating witnesses?
• Disclosures to other entities? (e.g. congressional offices, watchdogs)
• Any investigative reports for review?
• With consent, query to third-parties

INVESTIGATE FURTHER
How was evidence obtained?
Limitations on further use?

PRIORITIZE
Does this matter fit within office’s priorities?

FOLLOW-UP WITH WHISTLEBLOWER’S CONSENT
1. Protect Whistleblower
2. Advance Disclosures
3. Additional Investigation
4. Additional Referrals