The Office of the Whistleblower Ombuds is an independent, nonpartisan support office that advises the House on best practices for working with whistleblowers from the public and private sectors. All inquiries are treated confidentially.

**WHISTLEBLOWERS AND CONGRESS**

Whistleblowers, those who disclose threats to the public interest, commonly contact Congress to expose wrongdoing and to seek support. Further, Congress’ oversight work relies on vital disclosures from federal workers as well as private sector employees. In turn, offices need the tools to effectively work with whistleblowers—from the initial screening stage to resulting oversight.

**GENERAL AND PRIVATE TRAININGS**

The Office offers an interactive, 60-minute training on best practices for working with whistleblowers. It is the foundation of the Working With Whistleblowers Learning Path, available through the Staff Academy. Member offices and committees may also request private sessions for an informal Q&A and customized content.

Participants receive a manual and model materials on how to:

- Manage relationships with whistleblowers
- Protect whistleblower information
- Establish an effective case management system
- Navigate the legal landscape

**CONFIDENTIAL CONSULTATIONS**

The Office can provide confidential consultations to assist House Member offices and committees in responding to whistleblowers. The Office can also provide technical guidance on whistleblower legislation. **Note: The Office cannot receive disclosures from whistleblowers.**

**INTAKE PROCESSES**

The Office is available to help Member offices and committees establish:

- Whistleblower intake procedures
- Guidelines to maintain confidentiality
- Best practices for follow-up
- Systems to keep disclosures secure

**2021 SURVEY DATA**

58% of survey respondents work on Capitol Hill and 42% work for a District Office.

Since interacting with the Office:

- Nearly 90% have more confidence working with whistleblowers
- Nearly 40% of offices have strengthened intake processes