The message behind National Whistleblower Day

The Whistleblower Day resolution that the U.S. Senate passed on Aug. 1, 2020, would be held fully accountable for their misconduct. In its resolution, the Senate committed the new government to follow the law. They promised to act with integrity, honor, and courage, and to hold those in power accountable for their actions. The Senate also pledged to uphold the principles of transparency, justice, and inclusion.

The Senate’s resolution, which was passed with bipartisan support, recognizes the vital role that whistleblowers play in ensuring a transparent and accountable government. The resolution states that whistleblowers are essential to the functioning of a democratic society. They are the bridge between the public and the government, and they help to guard against corruption and abuse of power.

The Senate’s resolution also recognizes the historical significance of Whistleblower Day. It marks the anniversary of the Freedom of Information Act, which was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on July 12, 1966. The Freedom of Information Act guarantees the public’s right to access government records. It is a cornerstone of a free and accountable society.

The Senate’s resolution highlights the importance of protecting whistleblowers. They are often targeted for speaking up. They may face retaliation, harassment, or even imprisonment. It is crucial that we protect whistleblowers and support their efforts to speak truth to power.

The Senate’s resolution also recognizes the work of the Office of Special Counsel (OSC), which was established in 1978 to protect whistleblowers. The OSC provides legal advice and representation to whistleblowers who face retaliation for speaking up. The OSC also investigates allegations of retaliation and recommends remedies.

The Senate’s resolution encourages the public to support whistleblowers. It urges the public to learn more about the work of the OSC and to support its mission. It also encourages the public to speak up if they witness wrongdoing in their workplaces.

The Senate’s resolution is a powerful reminder of the importance of whistleblowers. They are the guardians of our democracy. They help to ensure that our government is accountable, transparent, and just. We must support their efforts to speak truth to power.

The message behind National Whistleblower Day is clear: We must protect whistleblowers and support their efforts to speak up. They are the heroes of our democracy.