

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS**

At the end of title VIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 833. WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS FOR NON-DE-**
2 **FENSE CONTRACTORS.**

3 (a) WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS.—Chapter 47 of
4 title 41, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
5 end the following new section:

6 **“§ 4712. Contractor and grantee employees: protec-**
7 **tion from reprisal for disclosure of cer-**
8 **tain information**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An employee of a contractor,
10 subcontractor, or grantee may not be discharged, demoted,
11 or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for dis-
12 closing to a person or body described in subsection (b) in-
13 formation that the employee reasonably believes is evi-
14 dence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or
15 grant, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of author-
16 ity relating to a Federal contract or grant, a substantial
17 and specific danger to public health or safety, or a viola-
18 tion of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal con-

1 tract (including the competition for or negotiation of a
2 contract) or grant.

3 “(b) PERSONS AND BODIES COVERED.—The persons
4 and bodies described in this subsection are the persons
5 and bodies as follows:

6 “(1) A Member of Congress or a representative
7 of a committee of Congress.

8 “(2) An Inspector General.

9 “(3) The Government Accountability Office.

10 “(4) A Federal employee responsible for con-
11 tract or grant oversight or management at the rel-
12 evant agency.

13 “(5) An authorized official of the Department
14 of Justice or other law enforcement agency.

15 “(6) A court or grand jury.

16 “(7) A management official or other employee
17 of the contractor, subcontractor, or grantee who has
18 the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address
19 misconduct.

20 “(c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—For the purposes
21 of subsection (a)—

22 “(1) an employee who initiates or provides evi-
23 dence of contractor, subcontractor, or grantee mis-
24 conduct in any judicial or administrative proceeding
25 relating to waste, fraud, or abuse on a Federal con-

1 tract or grant shall be deemed to have made a dis-
2 closure covered by such paragraph; and

3 “(2) a reprisal described in subsection (a) is
4 prohibited even if it is undertaken at the request of
5 an executive branch official, unless the request takes
6 the form of a non-discretionary directive and is with-
7 in the authority of the executive branch official mak-
8 ing the request.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
10 for chapter 47 of title 41, United States Code, is amended
11 by adding after the item relating to section 4711 the fol-
12 lowing new item:

“4712. Contractor and grantee employees: protection from reprisal for disclosure
of certain information.”.

