

NATIONAL WHISTLEBLOWER CENTER,
Washington, DC, July 17, 2015.
Re Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act
of 2015.

Hon. CHARLES E. GRASSLEY,
Senate Committee on the Judiciary,
Washington, DC.

Hon. PATRICK LEAHY,
Senate Committee on the Judiciary,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATORS, I am writing to you in support of the Criminal Antitrust Anti-Retaliation Act of 2015. This legislation will extend whistleblower protection for employees who provide information to the Department of Justice related to criminal antitrust violations. This Bill will create, for the first time, whistleblower protections for employees who report antitrust violations.

The protections in this bill were recommended by the Government Accountability Office in a 2011 report and will plug a loophole in the patchwork of whistleblower protection that currently exists. Current laws in place do not provide any protections for innocent third parties who blow the whistle on criminal antitrust activity. The proposed Bill will allow employees to file an action with the Department of Labor in the event that they are retaliated against for reporting criminal violations of the antitrust laws.

Numerous studies have shown that employees are the first defense to prevent fraud and white-collar crime. Such crimes harm businesses, consumers, and our economy. In-

vestigators rely heavily on information from insiders to protect the public interest and prevent illegal competitive practices. The brave individuals that report antitrust violations should be protected.

This is a narrow but important bill that will help to improve enforcement of the antitrust laws.

STEPHEN M. KOHN,
Executive Director.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute amendment be agreed to; the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed; and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1599), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 23,
2015

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the

Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 23; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 22, postcloture; lastly, that all time during the adjournment of the Senate count postcloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 22.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:22 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, July 23, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.