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Hon. Ted Staffen, Chair  
Select Committee on Whistle-Blower Protection

Dear Mr. Staffen

After careful review of the Whistle-blower Protection documents I have come to one major conclusion, we are all responsible for our actions. Those who have been elected or appointed to positions of trust have the obligation to uphold that trust, but it must also be remembered that they are also private individuals that have the right to lawful privacy.

For those who are members of any group that is governed by specific rules and by-laws they have a right and obligation to report any wrong -doings by the organizational executive, but they must take care that these reports will standup in a court of law.

With respect to testimony becoming public record it must first be determined as to whether the allegations have any relevance to the standing of the organization or were an error or a correctable oversight.

I personally feel that it is a sad state of our political and community development that this sort of legislation is being proposed, but at the same time I am aware that a system of checks and balances must be maintained.

Respectfully,

Norman Griffiths  
President  
Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce

