

Hon. Ted Staffen, Chair  
Select Committee on Whistle-Blower Protection  
Yukon Legislative Assembly Office

Dear Mr. Staffen:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my thoughts on whistle-blower protection.

I am a former public servant who always placed a high value on ethics. I took to heart the often-quoted mantra about being fearless in your advice and faithful in your implementation. Public servants have a sworn oath and duty to their employer, their duly-elected minister and yes, even to the Queen.

I believe that any recommendations the committee makes should set the bar very high for those who choose to break that oath. If it's worth blowing the whistle, it should be worth the risk of being punished or even losing your job.

If the bar is set too low, I believe that people would abuse it for retribution, personal or political gain. If the practice became commonplace, it would have an adverse affect on how public servants carry out their duties and how managers manage their staff.

Regards,  
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