

Whistleblower Protection Act

Other Protected Activity

5 U.S.C. 2302(b)

(b) Any employee who has authority to take, direct others to take, recommend, or approve any personnel action, shall not, with respect to such authority—

(9) take or fail to take, or threaten to take or fail to take, any personnel action against any employee or applicant for employment because of--

- (A) the exercise of any appeal, complaint, or grievance right granted by any law, rule, or regulation--
 - (i) with regard to remedying a violation of paragraph (8); or
 - (ii) other than with regard to remedying a violation of paragraph (8);
- (B) testifying for or otherwise lawfully assisting any individual in the exercise of any right referred to in subparagraph (A) (i) or (ii);
- (C) cooperating with or disclosing information to the Inspector General of an agency, or the Special Counsel, in accordance with applicable provisions of law; or
- (D) [for] refusing to obey an order that would require the individual to violate a law;