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Interior OIG Recognizes National Whistleblower Appreciation Day

Today, the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Office of Inspector General (OIG) is recognizing National Whistleblower Appreciation Day—celebrated annually on July 30—by honoring whistleblowers who have helped identify fraud, waste, and abuse at DOI.

Inspector General Mark Lee Greenblatt is honoring two whistleblowers who have provided valuable information to our office:

- A DOI employee who has notified the OIG about potential fraud and theft of Federal funds. The assistance of this whistleblower has helped lead to two criminal convictions, several arrests, and the recovery of hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- A tribal investigator who has provided information to the OIG about Federal program fraud and public corruption in Indian Country.

“Whistleblowers provide an invaluable service to the American public,” said Inspector General Greenblatt. “At the Department of the Interior, they are our first line of defense against waste, fraud, and abuse. Today, we commend everyone who has spoken up when they saw something wrong and helped ensure that Government is effective and accountable.”

Individuals who are aware of fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct should contact the DOI OIG Hotline at www.doioig.gov/oig-hotline-forms. DOI OIG also has a Whistleblower Protection Coordinator, who is a resource for Department employees about the prohibitions against whistleblower reprisal and the rights and remedies available to employees who experience retaliation for whistleblowing.

For more information visit our website at www.doioig.gov and watch our educational video, “[Whistleblower 101](#)” on our YouTube channel at [Interior Office of Inspector General - YouTube](#).