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- **Whistleblower Awards Process**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on your notice of proposed rulemaking on the Whistleblower Awards Process.

You are now proposing to amend the CFTC's regulations to enhance the process for reviewing whistleblower claims and to make related changes to clarify CFTC staff authority to administer the whistleblower program. You are also reinterpreting the CFTC's anti-retaliation authority and proposing appropriate rule amendments to implement that authority.

I have long supported whistleblowing including the worker's legal right to engage in whistleblowing. I strongly support these proposals, which enhance transparency in the CFTC's whistleblower awards process and align the process more closely with the SEC's own whistleblower rules. The proposals will strengthen the CFTC's enforcement authority against whistleblower retaliation and improve regulatory consistency between the CFTC and the SEC. I agree with the proposals that this will have the overall effect of encouraging whistleblowers to report actual or perceived violations of the CEA and CFTC regulations and that this will promote market integrity and further reduce potential systemic risk.

Please note that the comments expressed herein are solely my personal views

Yours sincerely

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