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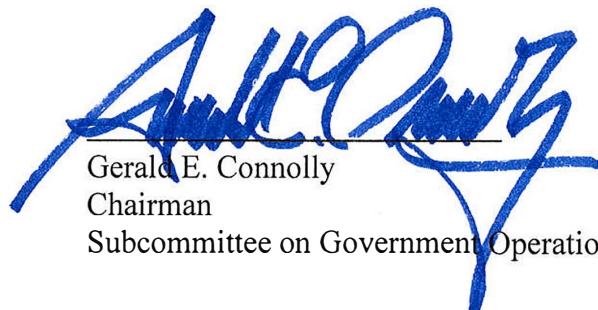
Dear Mr. Colapinto:

Enclosed are questions that have been directed to you and submitted for the official record for the hearing on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, titled "Protecting Those Who Blow the Whistle on Government Wrongdoing."

Please return your written responses to these questions by Wednesday, February 26, 2020, including each question in full as well as the name of the Member. Your response should be addressed to the Committee office at 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. Please also send an electronic version of your response by email to Amy Stratton, Deputy Clerk, at Amy.Stratton@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please contact Elisa LaNier, Chief Clerk, at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,



Gerald E. Connolly
Chairman
Subcommittee on Government Operations

cc: The Honorable Mark Meadows, Ranking Member

Questions for Mr. Colapinto
Founder and General Counsel, National Whistleblower Center

Questions from Chairman Gerald E. Connolly

January 28, 2020, Hearing: "Protecting Those Who Blow the Whistle on Government Wrongdoing."

1. Have whistleblowers successfully appealed to Congress to conduct oversight? Can you provide an example?
2. How would you further clarify or bolster protections for whistleblowers? Can you provide specific statutory citations where these changes could be made?
3. How have confidential whistleblowers contributed to improving this nation?
4. In your experience representing whistleblowers, have they felt that their identity was sufficiently protected by the law?
5. Do you believe we should legislate penalties against individuals responsible for either the "outing" or the unfair treatment of whistleblowers?
6. Your testimony stresses the importance of access to a jury trial should a whistleblower exhaust all administrative options. Why is a jury trial so important?
7. Do you know of any instances in which a retaliatory investigation has been launched in response to a whistleblower coming forward? How could such actions be prevented?