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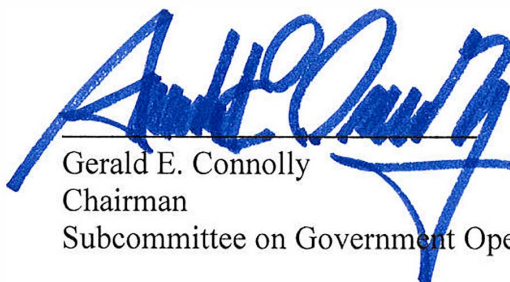
Dear Mr. Rosenzweig:

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](mailto: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. Rosenzweig**  
**Resident Senior Fellow, National Security & Cybersecurity, R Street**

**Questions from Chairman Gerald E. Connolly**

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

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1. Mr. Rosenzweig, do you think the recent politicization of issues related to the anonymity of federal whistleblowers has created a chilling effect where employees are less likely to make a disclosure?
2. What is the best way to help mitigate any potential retaliatory actions against whistleblowers?
3. Is there value in secondhand information from whistleblowers?
4. Do you think Congress should pass legislation to address loopholes such as the consequences for making a disclosure to the wrong individual?
5. Do you think exorbitant attorney fees levied on an individual who is only trying to do the right thing might dissuade an employee, contractor, or grantee from coming forward to blow the whistle? If so, what actions could Congress take to remove that hurdle for whistleblowers?
6. It seems that current law does not fully protect whistleblowers in the way that Congress has envisioned. What other weaknesses in the law should Congress address to ensure all whistleblowers across the government are protected?