‘Let’s Fix UK Whistleblowing Law’ urges the Government to review whistleblowing law and introduce reforms that will offer stronger legal protections for whistleblowers.

We need your help to do this. Please use the template letter below to write to your local MP to encourage them to support our campaign and champion those who speak up to stop harm.

Find out who your local MP is [here](https://members.parliament.uk/members/commons).

Toolkit letter:

*Dear [insert name of your MP],*

*I am writing to you about an urgent need to reform UK whistleblowing law, the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 (‘PIDA’). Protect – the UK whistleblowing charity – has launched a civil society campaign called, ‘Let’s Fix UK Whistleblowing Law’ and as my local MP, I am seeking your public support for this campaign.*

*Whistleblowers raise genuine concerns that protect society and keep us all safe. There are many tragedies of recent times that demonstrate the dangers of ignoring whistleblowers, such as Grenfell Tower, sexual exploitation in the international aid sector and the Covid-19 Wuhan whistleblower, Dr Li Wenliang.*

*Too many people are unprotected by the UK whistleblowing law – which is now 23 years old. Too many whistleblowers are ignored or victimised. Protect’s campaign focuses on three urgent reforms. They are:*

* ***Extend the scope of whistleblowing protection****: significant groups of people in the workplace in the UK are excluded from whistleblower protection, such as* *job applicants, the self-employed and volunteers. This means that they have no legal rights if they are victimised - which can deter people from speaking up altogether.*
* ***A legal duty on employers****: employers should by law be required to meet minimum standards for whistleblowing, such as having internal speak up arrangements and preventing the victimisation of whistleblowers. Tougher enforcement is also needed against employers who breach these standards.*
* ***Improve access to justice****: extend the time limits for bringing an employment tribunal claim and introduce legal aid for whistleblowers.*

*These reforms are part of a bill drafted by Protect that proposes wide-ranging reforms to strengthen whistleblower protection. You can read the bill in full* [*here*](https://public-concern-at-work.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/images/2021/03/16100933/Draft-Bill-March-2021.pdf)*.*

 *As my MP, please demonstrate you publicly care and support whistleblowing. I urge you to support Protect’s campaign and call on the government to bring forward proposals for reform of PIDA.*

*Kind regards,*

*[Your name]*