

APPG Newsletter



Welcome to our Summer newsletter.

Last week, we held the first 'in person' AGM of the APPG for two years, and I was delighted to have been re-elected as Chair. We had a good turnout and many messages of continued support from those unable to attend the meeting in Westminster, and the APPG discussed our progress throughout the past year, agreeing this year's work plan and endorsing the Whistleblowing Bill as our overall objective.

As Chair, I am pleased to have been given a mandate to press forward with the proposals in the Whistleblowing Bill and will continue to update as things happen.

Over the last four years a huge amount of time has gone into the drafting of the Bill, and I would like to thank all those who helped, as well as everyone who supported my Ten Minute Rule Bill on the 26th April. I was delighted to have the support of Parliamentary colleagues in the House of Commons chamber as well as dozens of people in the public gallery: whistleblowers, the public and a wide range of professionals...many of whom have played an important part in the development of this Bill. It's not every day that a Private Members' Bill receives so much attention!

We will use this enthusiasm in the coming months as we press the Government to adopt it.

Since the last newsletter, I have spoken at several online events with leading compliance professionals, and in Westminster supporting the introduction of whistleblower protection into other sectoral legislation as it is brought forward. I have highlighted why the Public Interest Disclosure Act (PIDA) is no longer fit for purpose answering questions about why the Whistleblowing Bill is important, how it will work, and how it will return the UK to being a global leader in whistleblowing protection.

We continue to support the calls led by Dame Maria Miller for legislation that bans NDA's, and have recently contributed to the development of the new Economic Crime Bill which is being brought forward by the Government.

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We will also continue to work with colleagues on the APPG on Fair Business Banking and the APPG on Anti-Corruption and Responsible Tax to ensure that the rights and protection of whistleblowers as the cornerstone of a fair and transparent society are embedded in this and other legislation. Their Economic Crime Manifesto is a welcome new approach to tackling economic crime in the UK, which now represents the largest type of crime in the UK by number of reported incidents. I'm pleased that the Manifesto recommends to the Government the immediate adoption of the Whistleblowing Bill as part of a range of measures to address the escalating cost of crime.

There is a lot of work still to do, but we have a fantastic team and I want to use this opportunity to acknowledge Georgina Halford-Hall, Iain Mitchell QC, and the rest of the APPG secretariat, for their expertise and the considerable part that they have played in supporting us to this point.

Thank you again to everyone who has continued to support us in our work to improve the protection of whistleblowers. If you would like to get involved or find ways to support us, please contact me or the secretariat at secretary@wbuk.org



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