On February 14, the Oversight Committee marked up and reported on two reform bills for consideration on the House floor.

Federal employees are a key component in rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer dollars. Without sufficient protections, they cannot step forward to blow the whistle. The Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act strengthens protections for federal whistleblowers to prevent retaliation against those who report wrongdoing to authorities.

The Executive Branch Reform Act is designed to increase transparency and limit the influence of special interests in the executive branch of government. Chairman Waxman said today that the bill "promotes openness and accountability in government by banning secret meetings between lobbyists representing special interests and senior government officials." The bill will also close the door between lobbyists and the executive branch, as well as restricting the use of pseudo-classifications on government documents and prohibiting spending taxpayer dollars on covert propaganda within the United States.

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