

116TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4147

To amend section 4712 of title 41, United States Code, to clarify the inclusion of subcontractors and subgrantees for whistleblower protection.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself, Mr. MEADOWS, and Mr. GIBBS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Whistleblower Expan-  
5 sion Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION**

7 **FOR SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUBGRANTEES.**

8 (a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 4712 of title 41, United  
9 States Code, is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by striking “or grantee”  
2 each place it appears and inserting “grantee, or sub-  
3 grantee”;

4           (2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “contractor  
5 or grantee” and inserting “contractor, subcon-  
6 tractor, grantee, or subgrantee”;

7           (3) in subsection (c), by striking “contractor or  
8 grantee” each place it appears and inserting “con-  
9 tractor, subcontractor, grantee, or subgrantee”;

10           (4) in subsection (d), by striking “subcontrac-  
11 tors, and grantees” and inserting “subcontractors  
12 (at any tier), grantees, and subgrantees (at any  
13 tier)”;

14           (5) in subsection (f), by striking “or grantee”  
15 each place it appears and inserting “grantee, or sub-  
16 grantee”;

17           (6) by inserting “(at any tier)” after “subcon-  
18 tractor”; and

19           (7) by inserting “(at any tier)” after “sub-  
20 grantee”.

21       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
22 this Act shall apply as though enacted with Public Law  
23 114–261 on December 14, 2016.

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