

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2896

To amend the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 to clarify whistleblower rights and protections, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. LANKFORD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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 “Department of Energy  
5 and Nuclear Regulatory Commission Whistleblower Pro-  
6 tection Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS AND**  
8 **PROTECTIONS.**

9 Section 211 of the Energy Reorganization Act of  
10 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5851) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1)—

3 (i) in the first sentence, by striking  
4 “person in” and inserting “employer in”;  
5 and

6 (ii) in the second sentence, by striking  
7 “the person” and inserting “the em-  
8 ployer”;

9 (B) in paragraph (2)—

10 (i) by striking “the person” each place  
11 it appears and inserting “the employer”;  
12 and

13 (ii) in subparagraph (B), in the first  
14 sentence, by striking “such person” and  
15 inserting “such employer”;

16 (2) in subsection (d), in the first sentence, by  
17 striking “a person” and inserting “an employer”;  
18 and

19 (3) in subsection (e)(1), in the first sentence, by  
20 striking “the person” and inserting “the employer”.

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