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Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to make the disclosure of the identity of an individual acting as a whistle blower under processes and protections provided by law a violation of the Code of Official Conduct.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HOYER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to make the disclosure of the identity of an individual acting as a whistle blower under processes and protections provided by law a violation of the Code of Official Conduct.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. DISCLOSURE OF IDENTITY OF WHISTLE-**
3 **BLOWER AS VIOLATION OF CODE OF CON-**
4 **DUCT.**

5 Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representa-
6 tives is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating clause 19 as clause 20;
2 and

3 (2) by inserting after clause 18 the following
4 new clause:

5 “19.(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c),
6 a Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, or officer or
7 employee of the House shall not knowingly and willfully
8 publicly disclose the identity of, or personally identifiable
9 information about, any individual who has reported allega-
10 tions of possible wrongdoing under processes and protec-
11 tions provided by the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978,
12 the Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989, the Intelligence
13 Community Whistleblower Protection Act of 1998, or any
14 other law protecting Federal whistleblowers.

15 “(b) The limitation in paragraph (a) shall not apply
16 to any disclosure of an individual’s identity or personally
17 identifiable information if—

18 “(1) the individual has provided express written
19 consent to such disclosure;

20 “(2) the individual has already voluntarily and
21 publicly disclosed his or her identity; or

22 “(3) the disclosure is by the chair of a com-
23 mittee after an affirmative vote by two-thirds of
24 committee members that such disclosure is in the
25 public interest.

1 “(c) Nothing in this clause shall prevent an investiga-
2 tion of any allegation of wrongdoing disclosed by any indi-
3 vidual.

4 “(d) Nothing in this clause shall prevent the public
5 disclosure of substantive information shared by any indi-
6 vidual that is not personally identifiable to that indi-
7 vidual.”.