

Comment from Anonymous

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Thank you for the ability to comment on the proposed NHTSA whistleblower rules.

Under the proposed NHTSA whistleblower rules, the whistleblower must be an employee or contractor within the automotive industry.

I have been observing the successful SEC and CFTC whistleblower programs for more than 10 years. These rule restraints (like the necessity of being an employee or contractor within the automotive industry), which are not absolutely necessary, are found to be an impediment to a successful whistleblower program and are eventually removed - to the benefit of whistleblowers and the administration of justice.

If the NHTSA is worried about casting too wide of a net, in terms of allowing too many whistleblowers, please remember the SEC and CFTC easily assign an "NFA" ("No Further Action") designation to a whistleblower tip at an early stage of the whistleblower application. This will cull out irrelevant tips in the NHTSA program. But to constrict the source of whistleblower tips so severely, to employees and contractors, will, over time, cause the NHTSA whistleblower program to miss important tips when a remedy is close at hand (the "NFA" designation).

At the very least, relatives of employees and contractors should be allowed to submit tips, as they will, over the life of the NHTSA whistleblower program, undoubtedly hear of "juicy" whistleblower information which could strongly serve the interests of the public.

Thank you,