

Ten Reasons to Oppose Bounty Incentives

1. The US Bounty system is NOT whistleblowing protection, Genuine whistleblowers are not represented nor protected because they have no value to lawyers or the government.
2. Rewards or incentives in return for information is bounty hunting. Genuine whistleblowers need no incentive to do the right thing.
3. A genuine whistleblower acts in the public interest and takes all the risks, a bounty hunter acts in self interest and takes no risks.
4. Protecting only financial whistleblowers is in breach of the rule of law, all whistleblowers should be equally protected as all should be equal before the law. You cannot have better legal protection for some whistleblowers, whilst completely failing to protect others.
5. The US bounty system will lead to whistleblowers being accused of lying to obtain money, it will make the word whistleblower dirty and be used as a further weapon to smear the motives of the genuine who already face huge hardship and dirty tactics.
6. Genuine whistleblowers caught up in the US false claims act are torn to pieces by the greedy legal system in place. Whistleblowers information is seen as potentially lucrative and any individual made aware of that information can make a claim for bounty themselves. This has led to a gold rush

situation where the genuine whistleblower is trampled in the process, their information pilfered by the unscrupulous and the whistleblowers exploited.

7. Lawyers get rich, the greedy get bounty, the genuine whistleblower gets injustice, but most importantly those whose lives depend on a whistleblower speaking out are forgotten in the whole bounty circus.
8. The information that the government want to reward is convenient information, what of the inconvenient information such as that disclosed by Chelsea Manning, Danial Hale, Edward Snowden, Thomas Drake, Danial Ellsberg and many more individuals whose service to the public interest, is not only held in contempt by governments, but these genuine whistleblowers have been punished for their extraordinary acts of courage and integrity.
9. All those in the UK promoting Office of the whistleblower and pushing the US bounty system for financial whistleblowers are linked to US lawyers such as Howard Brown and Mary Innman of Constantine Cannon. None of these individuals are interested in the 94% of all whistleblowers, the low paid, those in front line junior positions, those with the most to lose, but in whistleblowing terms, with the most to give, saving lives, making lives bearable, stopping avoidable deaths and disclosing the worst wrongdoing.
10. The love of money is the root of all Evil, in whistleblowing terms, the love of money is the root of all injustice, abuse loss of life and harm to the public interest.

