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PRESS RELEASE

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President Trump, Please Make America's Civil Service Great Again!

On March 26, Federal whistleblowers and advocates for whistleblowing petitioned President Donald J. Trump for a trustworthy, ethical, competent and accountable federal civil service. They wrote to President Trump urging him to comply with his statutory duty to “take any action” necessary to make America's Federal Civil Service Great Again and for the civil service to embody the merit principles which embody our great American values and principles.

President Trump promised he would “drain the swamp” and restore trust in our government. The two million members of the federal civil service now rely on him to “take any action necessary” to ensure their workplaces embody and reflect the Great American values and principles articulated in the merit principles, the statutory bedrock of the federal civil service.

In particular, the two small and specialized agencies—the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) and U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB)—most responsible for defending and upholding the great American values incorporated in the Federal Merit Principles *must* properly interpret and implement their duties. Continued failure on OSC and MSPB's part, hinders, if not precludes, federal agencies and their employees from advancing American greatness - if anything, such failure could well result in grievous harm to America, such as a nuclear 9/11 or other national catastrophe because the warnings of great American patriots - federal agency employees who put adherence to the merit principles before personal consideration - go unheeded.

Attachments (also available at www.merit-principles.org):

Letter to Donald J. Trump of March 26, 2019

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