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The Honorable Daniel K. Akaka
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on the Oversight of Government Management,
the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia
446 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Akaka,

The Partnership for Public Service would like to commend you for your leadership in introducing S. 494, the Federal Employee Protection of Disclosures Act. Once again, you have demonstrated your tireless commitment to the dedicated men and women who comprise the federal workforce.

As a non-profit organization committed to transforming the way government works and inspiring a new generation to serve, the Partnership supports legislation that will help each federal agency recruit, retain and manage an outstanding team of civil servants in order to meet the agency's mission. Whistleblower protections are an important part of this civil service system. Federal employees must be encouraged to speak openly regarding agency performance and practices, and we are pleased to see S. 494 moving forward through the legislative process.

Thank you for your continued excellent work in helping federal agencies meet their human capital challenges. Our government is better for your efforts, and we look forward to working with you on S.494 and other initiatives in the weeks and months ahead.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Max Stier
President and CEO