

ORGANIC CONSUMERRS ASSOCATION

**WHISTLE-BLOWER POLICY**

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***Employee Protection (Whistle-Blower) Policy***

If any employee reasonably believes that some policy, practice, or activity of ORGANIC CONSUMERS is in violation of law, a written complaint may be filed by that employee with the Executive Director or the Board President.

It is the intent of ORGANIC CONSUMERS ASSOCATION to adhere to all laws and regulations that apply to the organization, and the underlying purpose of this policy is to support the organization's goal of legal compliance. The support of all employees is necessary to achieving compliance with various laws and regulations. An employee is protected from retaliation only if the employee brings the alleged unlawful activity, policy, or practice to the attention of ORGANIC CONSUMERS ASSOCATION and provides the ORGANIC CONSUMERS ASSOCATION with a reasonable opportunity to investigate and correct the alleged unlawful activity. The protection described below is only available to employees that comply with this requirement.

ORGANIC CONSUMERS ASSOCATION will not retaliate against an employee who, in good faith, has made a protest or raised a complaint against some practice of ORGANIC CONSUMERS ASSOCATION or of another individual or entity with whom ORGANIC CONSUMERS ASSOCATION has a business relationship, on the basis of a reasonable belief that the practice is in violation of law or a clear mandate of public policy.

ORGANIC CONSUMERS ASSOCATION will not retaliate against an employee who discloses or threatens to disclose to a supervisor or a public body any activity, policy, or practice of ORGANIC CONSUMERS ASSOCATION that the employee reasonably believes is in violation of a law, or a rule, or regulation mandated pursuant to law or is in violation of a clear mandate or public policy concerning the health, safety, welfare, or protection of the environment.

My signature below indicates my receipt and understanding of this policy. I also verify that I have been provided with an opportunity to ask questions about the policy.