

# National Whistleblower Center Issues Statement in Support of NSA Whistleblower Edward Snowden

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*Washington, D.C. June 10, 2013. The National Whistleblower Center issued the following statement in support of NSA Whistleblower Edward Snowden:*

## **Statement of Stephen M. Kohn, Executive Director of the National Whistleblower Center**

“Edward Snowden should not be prosecuted. Instead, the White House must keep the promise made by President Obama, during his 2008 election campaign, when he pledged to support legislation that would fully protect all government whistleblowers, including those in sensitive national security positions.”

“Until Congress enacts a law, setting forth reasonable procedures by which civil servants can disclose national security violations to the American people, the government should not prosecute these whistleblowers. Congress and the President must do their jobs, and stop destroying the lives of civil servants who try to report misconduct”

There is significant historical precedent for the protection of whistleblowers demonstrating that such protections were strongly supported by the Founding Fathers. Mr. Kohn previously discussed this precedent in his New York Times Op-Ed, [The Whistleblowers of 1777](#). Mr. Kohn is also the author of [The Whistleblower’s Handbook: A Step by Step Guide to Doing What’s Right and Protecting Yourself](#) (Lyons Press, 2011).

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