



Open Democracy Advice Centre

**February 25, 2013**

Nefndasvið Alþingis  
Austurstræti 8-10  
150 Reykjavík  
Iceland

Dear Nefndasvið Alþingis

**RE: Request to submit comment on the Disclosure of Information and Protection of Whistleblower Bill, case no. 453.**

We have just become aware of the opportunity to provide comment on Iceland's Information and Protection of Whistleblower Bill, case no. 453.

As notable leaders on legal and policy aspects of whistle-blowing in South Africa, the Open Democracy Advice Centre would be honoured if we would be given the opportunity to share our input, which is largely evidence-based, in a submission. Since our formation in 2000, we have become the leading legal specialist Centre on the Promotion of Access to Information Act, as well as the Protected Disclosures Act (our 'whistle-blowing' law), and have an increasing focus as well on open data.

While we acknowledge and sincerely apologise for our delay in sending this request to you, we ask that you allow us the opportunity to present an opinion by the end of the 26<sup>th</sup> of February.

We hope you will be amenable to our request and condone our late filing of a submission.

Yours sincerely,

**Gabriella Razzano** \_\_\_\_\_

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