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Subject: National Civil Litigation Section - Whistle-blower Protection

This proposed legislation seems to go beyond protecting the "Whistle-blower", to protecting the Whistle-blower's "employer" and the employer's "insurer".

The Whistle-blower could seemingly be protected by that name remaining privileged without the privilege attaching to the information, whether it comes from self assessments or complaints or surveys.

The way this proposed legislation is framed seems to provide protection to the "insurer" and the "employer" by suppressing information, rather than protection for a Whistle-blower who is attempting disseminate, publish or publicize information.

Under the guise of protecting the Whistle-blower this is extending that protection to the organization that he is trying to blow the whistle on? This makes no sense to me and does not seem to be necessary.

CCIR should address sec. 375(2) in Manitoba and how and why it needs to be extended.

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