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**NATIONAL WHISTLEBLOWER CENTER
SURVEY OF THE
CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT - 2008**

Senator Barack Obama

- | | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>No Position</u> |
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| 1. Do you support protecting government whistleblowers under the framework of H.R. 985 (which passed the House on March 14, 2007 by a vote of 331 to 94)? | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| 2. If elected, do you promise to advocate for the passage of a law which would give employees who are illegally terminated for blowing the whistle the same procedural and substantive protections as other wrongfully discharged employees under laws such as Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (i.e. the law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of race or sex)? | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| 3. Under the Whistleblower Protection Act, the President appoints a Special Counsel whose major job is supposed to be the protection of federal employee whistleblowers. If elected President, are you committed to ensuring that the people appointed as the Special Counsel have expertise in whistleblower law and a firm commitment to protecting whistleblowers? | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| 4. Should employees who expose weaknesses in Homeland Security and/or the government's efforts to combat terrorism be fully protected under the whistleblower laws? | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| 5. Currently the federal environmental whistleblower protection laws have a 30 day statute of limitations. The Administrative Conference of the United States recommended that this filing period be enlarged to 180 days. If elected President, will you work to ensure that the statute of limitations applicable to environmental whistleblowers is enlarged to 180 days? | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |
| 6. If elected President, will you appoint a liason responsible for interacting with whistleblower advocates in order to better ensure that no employer illegally retaliates against employees who expose violations of law or waste, fraud and abuse? | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ |

Danille Gray for Obama for America 5/8/07
Signature of Candidate or Authorized Representative Date

Please return to the National Whistleblower Center by May 8, 2007.
The responses may be faxed to (202)342-1904 or mailed to the
Center at 3238 P Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20007.