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# Hush Line: A new whistleblowing platform for organizations and individuals

Science & Design, Inc. launches the first platform for responsible disclosure that is open-source and non-profit managed.

**Las Vegas, NV, Aug 8, 2024** – Today, Science & Design, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization based in California, US, is excited to announce the launch of Hush Line, the first open-source managed whistleblowing platform designed for journalists, business leaders, and educators! Hush Line provides an easy-to-use, secure, and private way for anyone to receive confidential information from their communities.

## Key Features of Hush Line

- **Verified Accounts:** Journalists, public figures, business leaders, and others can verify their accounts to help ensure people are talking to the right person.
- **End-to-end Encryption:** E2EE supported with OpenPGP.js.
- **Tor-Ready:** Hush Line deploys to a clear web address and an Onion Service for users with advanced privacy needs.
- **Opt-In User Directory:** Find who you need without hunting. Search through a directory of individuals who have opted in to be listed.
- **Mailvelope Integration:** Read encrypted messages directly in the browser.

- **Personal Server:** Custom-designed hardware that runs a Tor-only copy of the Hush Line for people who need to control their infrastructure.

Fear of retaliation is why people stay silent when they witness something wrong in the workplace. More than 60% of workers will witness harassment or discrimination in the office, yet only 15% will ever make a formal written complaint, and fewer than 1% will find a legal resolution. When someone does decide to come forward, it can be one of the riskiest things they can do, leading to significant personal and professional hardship; our goal is to help guide people to the path of greatest success. We connect whistleblowers to lawyers, former whistleblowers, business leaders, and more, and hope to be a source of clarity in the first steps taken in the whistleblowing journey.

## About Science & Design, Inc.

Science & Design, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in California, USA, dedicated to building free and open-source products that enable free speech and access to information online. Our Board is made up of significant people in the public and private sectors, with deep experience building products and services that help people around the world:

- **Micah Lee** is a co-founder of Freedom of the Press Foundation, creator of OnionShare, and core developer for Tor Project and SecureDrop..
- **Elijah Waxwing** is a co-founder of RiseUp.net and a longtime internet activist.
- **Serene** is the creator of the Snowflake pluggable transport and the founder of Snowstorm.
- **Stefanie Daehler** is an educator and librarian and the Treasurer and Secretary for Science & Design, Inc..
- **Glenn Sorrentino** is the Executive Director and career product designer who earned US patents and worked in F500s, startups, agencies, and the civic space. He has contributed to open-source tools like Signal, CalyxOS, and OnionShare and is also on the Board of Advisors for Distributed Denial of Secrets.

## Important Links

- [Hush Line website](#)
- [Hush Line app](#)
- [GitHub Repository](#)
- [Whitepaper](#)
- [Media](#)