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The support that Transparency International Ireland provided was absolutely crucial and invaluable in my surviving this ordeal.

Former Garda Sergeant Maurice McCabe

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In 2012, Garda whistleblower Sergeant Maurice McCabe uncovered systemic abuse of the Garda traffic database. As a result, Sergeant McCabe found himself ignored and isolated, while public statements were aimed at undermining his credibility. In 2018, the Disclosures Tribunal found that he had been the target of a ‘campaign of calumny’ by senior officers to discredit him and his disclosures.

Maurice reached out to Transparency International (TI) Ireland’s Speak Up Helpline for support in December 2012. In addition to giving practical advice on how to deal with the retaliation he was suffering, TI Ireland also lobbied to allow Sergeant McCabe to appear before the Dáil Public Accounts Committee and helped draw public attention to his case.

Since then, TI Ireland has helped some 1,000 people through the Speak Up Helpline and established the Transparency Legal Advice Centre (TLAC), so whistleblowers do not have to bear the financial burden of legal advice before speaking up. TLAC and Speak Up offer the only services of their kind in Ireland.

Since 2016, TLAC has provided **free legal advice to whistleblowers valued at €600,000**. This is twice the amount it has cost to operate the centre to date, meaning that every €10 donated allows TLAC solicitors give €20 of free legal advice to whistleblowers.

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