

COALITION FOR A DEMOCRATIC WORKPLACE

Dear Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Miller:

On behalf of millions of job creators concerned with increasing threats to the basic tenets of free enterprise, we write in support of H.R. 2587, the Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act.

The Coalition for a Democratic Workplace, a group of more than 600 organizations, has been united in its opposition to the so-called “Employee Free Choice Act” (EFCA) and EFCA alternatives that pose a similar threat to workers, businesses and the U.S. economy. Thanks to the elected officials who stood firm against this damaging legislation, the threat of EFCA is less immediate in this Congress. Politically powerful labor unions, other EFCA supporters, and their allies in government are not backing down, however. Having failed to achieve their goals through legislation, they are now coordinating with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB or Board) and the Department of Labor (DOL) in what appears to be an all-out attack on business.

One of the most egregious actions by the NLRB, which is also the impetus of the Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act, is the unprecedented attempt by the agency’s Acting General Counsel to mandate where and how one company—Boeing—can operate and expand its business. The federal government must not be allowed to tell business where it can or cannot create jobs. We view this threat to one employer as a key test for the business environment of all employers.

The Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act addresses action by the NLRB and would guarantee that businesses and entrepreneurs have the ability to decide where to conduct their business. The Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act will encourage investment in our nation and its workforce.

We applaud the Committee for taking up the Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act and encourage you to use every tool available to stop these rogue agencies from implementing policies to appease a single special interest at the expense of workers, businesses and our economy. If left unchecked, the NLRB’s and DOL’s actions will fuel economic uncertainty and have serious negative ramifications for millions of employers, U.S. workers they have hired or would like to hire, and consumers.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Burr
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