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The Honorable John Kline, Chairman House Committee on Education and the Workforce U.S. House of Representatives Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Business Coalition for Fair Competition (BCFC) supports H.R. 2587, the "Protecting Jobs From Government Interference Act", recently introduced by Representative Tim Scott of South Carolina.

BCFC (<u>www.governmentcompetition.org</u>) is a national coalition of businesses, associations, taxpayer organizations and think tanks that are committed to reducing all forms of unfair government created, sponsored and provided competition with the private sector. We appreciate this opportunity to comment on the negative effects government interference is having on the private sector, including small business.

On April 22, the National Labor Relations Board's (NLRB) Acting General Counsel filed a complaint against The Boeing Company demanding it transfer work from South Carolina to Washington. If successful, the NLRB's action will have a chilling effect on job creators looking to expand their businesses in the United States.

H.R. 2587 will amend the National Labor Relations Act to prohibit the NLRB from dictating where a private business can and cannot locate jobs in the United States. Further, upon enactment, the limitation on the NLRB's authority will apply to all cases that have not reached final adjudication before the board.

BCFC believes the free enterprise system is the most productive and efficient provider of goods and services and strongly supports the federal government utilizing the private sector for commercially available products and services to the maximum extent possible. H.R. 2587 would protect jobs from government interference and helps support BCFC's goal. We oppose the creation of unlevel playing fields and government selection of winners and losers in an otherwise competitive marketplace. By mandating where a business can be located, NLRB would be restricting competition, creating an unlevel playing field, and injecting government into the market, resulting in government interference with market competition.

We respectfully and enthusiastically support H.R. 2587.

Sincerely,

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