



September 13, 2011

The Honorable «ref»
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear «header»:

On behalf of the National Council of Chain Restaurants (NCCR), I am writing to you in support of H.R. 2587, the Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act, which seeks to thwart a job-killing scheme by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) which would ultimately dictate where companies conduct their business operations within the United States. We are pleased that the U.S. House is scheduled to consider the bill this week and we ask that you vote in favor of the legislation.

The NLRB alleges that the Boeing Company discriminated against the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers in violation of the National Labor Relations Act by building a new airplane manufacturing plant in Charleston, South Carolina, instead of in Puget Sound, Washington. The NLRB has ordered an end to the work being done in Charleston. The precedent set by such action is a threat to job creators throughout the country. H.R. 2587 is a straightforward proposal which would prohibit the NLRB from ordering any employer to close, relocate, or transfer employment.

The Boeing case is just one example of the egregious and biased policies that the NLRB is pursuing in an attempt to reward union organizers at the expense of small businesses and their employees. Recently, the Board issued a proposed rule that would unfairly and unnecessarily allow for ambush elections to determine if employees wish to be represented by a union. Such elections would have to be conducted under a dramatically shortened time frame which would restrict the ability of a vulnerable small business owner to discuss this important issue with their employees. The NLRB also recently issued a decision that would allow the formation of small "micro-unions" in workplaces around the country and allow union organizers to more easily cherry pick potential new union members to join these mini-unions, resulting in undemocratic gerrymandered union elections, among other adverse consequences.

Congress and the NLRB should recognize that partisan politics and high unemployment don't mix when it comes to solving our nation's economic problems. H.R. 2587 is a strong first step toward curbing the Board's excesses. Thank you for considering these views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. Green". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Robert J. Green
Executive Director