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National Taxpayers Union Vote Alert

NTU urges all Representatives to vote “YES” on H.R. 2587, the “Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act.” Introduced by Rep. Scott (R-SC), this bill would prevent the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) from substituting its judgment for a private employer’s in decisions on how best to manage the employer’s own resources.

The impetus for this legislation was the NLRB’s recent decision to file a complaint against the Boeing Company for its decision to locate its new manufacturing facility in South Carolina, a right to work state, rather than expand existing operations in Washington, which is not. The threat of such governmental-overreach into basic economic decisions has the potential to ripple throughout the economy. In addition to the chilling effect it would have on investment and job-growth, the NLRB’s ability to restrict movement may unwittingly provide state and local governments with the opportunity to raise taxes without fear of companies fleeing.

H.R. 2587 would amend the National Labor Relations Act to remove several extreme enforcement remedies available to the NLRB, including the power to rescind an employer’s decision to relocate. These changes would help to restore the careful balance between protecting employees from unlawful labor practices and steadfastly protecting free markets.

Roll call votes on H.R. 2587 will be significantly weighted in our annual Rating of Congress and a “YES” vote will be considered the pro-taxpayer position.

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