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The Honorable John Kline
Chairman
Committee on Education and the Workforce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Kline:

On behalf of the Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA) I write to express our strong support for H.R. 2587, the Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act. We appreciate your leadership on addressing the serious issues employers face due to an unprecedented agenda at National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

By way of background, RILA is the trade association of the world's largest and most innovative retail companies. RILA members include more than 200 retailers, product manufacturers, and service suppliers, which together account for more than \$1.5 trillion in annual sales, millions of American jobs and more than 100,000 stores, manufacturing facilities and distribution centers domestically and abroad.

The NLRB's complaint against the Boeing Company is one of many decisions by the NLRB and Department of Labor (DOL) stifling the private sector's ability to create jobs in a country where unemployment is remaining high. If the NLRB rules in favor of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, this case will set a precedent for the government to intervene on where a business may locate. In addition, the decision will dictate under what terms employers may expand and grow their business. This rule challenges the core values of businesses and their ability to provide jobs and invest in the United States.

RILA members are leaders in the workforce arena and we offer our support to help maintain an appropriate balance between employer and employee rights under the National Labor Relations Act. Recent actions by the NLRB and DOL have undercut that balance and RILA supports H.R. 2587 as an important step toward restoring the Act's intent and helping restore economic growth and jobs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Hughes", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Bill Hughes
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