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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Representatives:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to support H.R. 2587, the Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act.

In a radical departure from established rules and 45 years of legal precedent, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) is asking a court to order a manufacturer to move its new, expanded production from one state to another. The law and past NLRB decisions are clear: Employers have the right to make these types of business decisions.

Nevertheless, the NLRB is seeking to rewrite the rules and dictate who companies can and cannot employ and where they can build their facilities. Without clear direction from Congress and the courts, the NLRB may be able to second-guess the business plans of manufacturers across the country.

Not surprisingly, more than two-thirds of NAM members responding to a recent survey said the NLRB's complaint against Boeing would have a negative impact on jobs. It would undoubtedly also have a chilling effect on company decisions regarding expansion or construction of new facilities in the United States.

H.R. 2587 would prohibit the NLRB from ordering employers to close, relocate, or transfer employment under any circumstance. Manufacturers strongly support this legislation and other initiatives that seek to prevent unwarranted government interference in the workplace.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on H.R. 2587, including procedural motions, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 112th Congress. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Key Manufacturing Vote