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

Dear Chairman Kline:

On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), I am writing to express our strong support for H.R. 2587, the Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act.

The NAM is the nation's largest industrial trade association, representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states. The NAM's mission is to enhance the competitiveness of the manufacturing economy by advocating policies that are conducive to U.S. economic growth.

While this legislation was prompted by the actions of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) against one company, it is having an impact on the capital expenditure and hiring decisions of many more. A recent NAM member survey demonstrates the effect of the Boeing complaint and other NLRB actions on jobs. Of more than 1,000 responses, 69 percent said the NLRB's actions will negatively affect their ability to create and grow jobs.

Clearly, this one complaint goes well beyond one company and demonstrates how destructive the actions of federal agencies and boards can be to the growth of our economy. Complaints and regulatory and sub-regulatory action have created great uncertainty in the business community about capital investment and hiring. The uncertainty is having a negative effect on our economic recovery and employers' ability to create jobs.

We believe that if the NLRB complaint is successful, businesses and entrepreneurs will have little confidence that the federal government will not come in at any time to determine where they should locate and whom they should hire.

Thank you for bringing the Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act forward in the Committee. I urge its swift enactment.

Sincerely,

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