



**PRINTING
INDUSTRIES
OF AMERICA**

Advancing Graphic Communications

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Printing Industries of America, I am writing today to urge your support of H.R. 2587, the “Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act,” a bill to ensure that private sector employers are free to decide where to locate business operations. In short, H.R. 2587 allows companies the freedom to create jobs when and where they are best able to do so.

As you may know, the printing and graphic communications industry employs more than 875,000 workers across the country. Within the U.S. manufacturing sector, the industry ranks number two in number of establishments and number nine in value of shipments. Printing and graphic communications company executives have seen the hard-hitting impact of the economic downturn first hand. Since 2008, more than 70,000 jobs have been lost and an estimated 1,000 firms went out of business in 2010. The industry forecast for the rest of 2011 was recently downgraded to only two percent growth as a mirror to the discouraging economic picture overall.

These employers are in true survival mode. Unfortunately, recent actions by government entities, such as the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), have added additional burdens making an economic rebound more difficult. The complaint filed by the NLRB against The Boeing Company demanding that the company transfer its work from one facility to another is an example of regulatory actions that are chilling job growth. Printing company owners must have the freedom to determine in which facilities they may plan, transfer or relocate employment without threat that the government will override those business decisions. As recent NLRB actions have demonstrated, such a threat is very present and obviously worrisome as employers attempt to salvage and once again grow business operations.

Currently, the NLRB has existing remedies to ensure employers do not engage in unlawful labor practices. The added authority of the NLRB to dictate where a private company can or cannot create jobs is unnecessary and will inhibit job growth. H.R. 2587 is a straightforward, commonsense approach to amending the National Labor Relations Act to allow employers to do what they do best: create jobs.

Therefore, Printing Industries of America urges your support of H.R. 2587 when it is considered before the Committee on Education and the Workforce and throughout the legislative process.

Sincerely,

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