



March 20, 2013

The Honorable John Kline
Chairman
Committee on Education and the Workforce
2181 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable George Miller
Ranking Member
Committee on Education and the Workforce
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Dear Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Miller:

On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation's leading small business organization, I am writing in support of H.R. 1120, the Preventing Greater Uncertainty in Labor-Management Relations Act, and urge swift passage of this important legislation.

Small businesses are very concerned that the Administration is ignoring the recent unanimous decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. In *Noel Canning V. NLRB*, the Court found President Obama's "recess" appointments to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) were unconstitutional, and H.R. 1120 is a much-needed response to the Administration's refusal to acknowledge the Court's decision.

The NLRB has become a highly politicized agency under the current administration, and continues to tilt the playing field in favor of labor unions. The President's "recess" appointments created a panel that was overly pro-union, and NFIB believes that the Court's unanimous decision calls into question hundreds of NLRB decisions over the past year.

Small-business owners throughout the country have suffered under the unabashedly pro-union decisions handed down by the NLRB. They deserve to be protected from unconstitutional acts that exacerbate the NLRB's devolution from a neutral arbiter between labor and employers to a pro-union government agency.

In an effort to avoid any further uncertainty and confusion in the small business community, H.R. 1120 would prohibit further NLRB decisions until the constitutionality of the current board is fully addressed, and NFIB strongly supports passage of H.R. 1120.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Eckerly". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

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