

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Wilma B. Liebman
Chairman
National Labor Relations Board
1099 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20570

Dear Chairman Leibman:

We write to express our support of the National Labor Relations Board's June 21, 2011, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to the Board's rules and regulations governing union elections (Federal Register Doc. 2011-15307).

The current process to hold an election on whether to form a union is badly broken. We agree with the Board that the NPRM's amendments would streamline the resolution of questions related to workplace representation when workers petition for a secret-ballot election. More than simply a matter of efficiency, removing delays improves the preservation of workers' rights and facilitates the fair expression of worker's preferences with respect to collective organizing.

Workers deserve a fair process that allows them to decide whether to form a union. We share the belief that employees should be afforded a free, fair, and expeditious process by which to choose workplace representation. The Board's NPRM reflects this belief, and as such, we urge its adoption.

Thank you for your consideration of our views. We hope the Board will act with due deliberation on this matter.

Sincerely,


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U.S. Senator


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