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International President

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**VIA FAX**

U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 1.2 active and retired members of the United Steelworkers union (USW), I urge you to oppose the Protecting Jobs From Government Interference Act, (H.R. 2587).

The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) has been a mediator between labor and management for over 75 years. The authority of the board rests on the NLRB's ability to hold both unions and employers accountable for questionable actions through its long-existing judicial process.

The NLRB serves as a critical backstop to preventing overzealous employers from intervening with workers' constitutional rights to free speech and freedom of association. H.R. 2587 will severely weaken these necessary protections by eliminating the only recourse workers' have if their employer illegally moves its operations or eliminates work while employees are engaged in the protected activity of trying to form a union.

HR 2587 does not create a single job and in fact will make it easier for companies to ship jobs overseas

USW strongly urges you to stand with working people and oppose HR 2587.

Sincerely,

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