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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 1.6 million members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), I am writing to express our strong opposition to the Protecting Jobs From Government Interference Act (H.R. 2587) introduced by Rep. Tim Scott.

The bill dramatically changes the worker protections historically embodied in the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) by seeking to limit the rights and obligations of the parties to bargain collectively and seriously impairs the agency's remedial authority.

The bill would seek to amend that portion of the NLRA [Section 8(a) (3)] that makes it an unfair labor practice to discriminate against employees "to encourage or discourage membership in any labor organization." This provision has been in the NLRA since 1935. The bill would also prohibit the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) from ordering an employer to relocate, shut down or transfer any existing or planned facility or employment under any circumstance. In addition, upon enactment, the limitation on the NLRB's authority would apply to all cases that have not reached final adjudication before the board.

These changes are broad in scope and will seriously deny workers' existing rights. They will also fundamentally change the operation of the NLRA and the collective bargaining relationship of the parties it serves. Therefore, we strongly urge you to oppose H.R. 2587, when it comes before a vote of the committee tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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