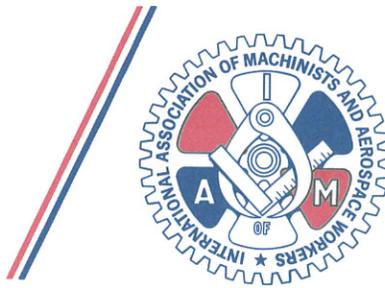


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OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

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Re: **H.R. 2587, the "Corporate Pardon Act"**

Dear Representative,

On Wednesday, the House will consider H.R. 2587, the so-called "Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act," legislation designed to cut short an ongoing federal law enforcement action against the Boeing Corporation.

As if interfering with an ongoing law enforcement proceeding isn't enough, the bill would have far broader repercussions, giving U.S. employers unprecedented freedom to discriminate against their union and non-union employees, without facing any serious penalty. *The rights of millions of American workers, both union and non-union, are threatened by this bill.*

We urge you to vote NO on H.R. 2587 for the following reasons:

This bill eliminates one of the most powerful law enforcement tools to protect workers

By stripping out the only meaningful remedy available to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), corporations will have impunity when they violate the law when closing an office, relocating a plant or firing workers in retaliation for workers who exercise their rights for safer workplaces, reasonable working hours or fair benefits. The intended beneficiary of this legislation is one company -- Boeing -- that is charged with violating federal law. America has already paid the price for arrogant corporations that have acted illegally. Our economy almost collapsed because of Wall Street's arrogance and the Gulf region's environment was almost destroyed by similar reckless behavior.

This bill provides a congressional pardon in an ongoing law enforcement matter

The Boeing Corporation has been charged with serious violations of the law, which are currently being adjudicated in a federal proceeding in Seattle. Through its retroactive clause, this bill grants a congressional pardon to Boeing. Clearly, the company must be deeply concerned about its chances of success in the pending adjudication. Otherwise, they and their supporters wouldn't be seeking this handout from Congress.

Companies will more easily outsource jobs overseas

In 2000, Quadrtech Corporation, a jewelry manufacturer, announced plans to move its California operations to Mexico in retaliation for workers exercising their right to join a union. The NLRB won an injunction against Quadrtech that stopped this transfer of jobs and ordered the company to

return truckloads of equipment from Tijuana, Mexico, back to its plant outside Los Angeles, California.

Under H.R. 2587, a company like Quadrtech could move jobs overseas with impunity. This bill strips the NLRB's authority to order jobs returned to the U.S. if they have been relocated out of retaliation. H.R. 2587 would give American companies a free pass to discriminate and then move work overseas.

On behalf of one company, Congress is rushing through changes to long-standing law without public input

H.R. 2587 was introduced last week and then rushed through the Committee on Education and the Workforce in only a few days. There have been no hearings on this extreme change to well-established employment law, nor did the Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions Subcommittee host a markup or other forum for proper review and public input. Congress is rushing this bill for one reason: to give a single corporation a pardon from federal law enforcers.

Congress should not interfere in ongoing law enforcement actions

With the case against the Boeing Corp. pending in Seattle, it is inappropriate for Congress to actively seek to undermine our law enforcers' strongest penalty: the reinstatement of the Dreamliner airline work to the Seattle-area facility.

The Constitution established three separate branches of government to ensure that legal actions proceed uninterrupted by political interference. Unfortunately, this bill directly interferes with the NLRB's ongoing case, and yet again highlights the Republicans' willingness to allow corporate interests to influence and corrupt our system of justice.

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew McKinnon, Director, Legislative & Political Action Department at (301) 967-4575.

We urge you to vote NO on H.R. 2587. The American people deserve to know that no corporation is above the law.

Sincerely,



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