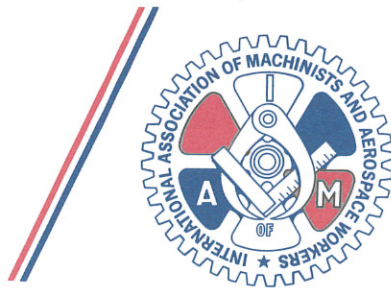


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OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

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Re: **H.R. 2587, "Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act"**

Dear Representative,

On behalf of 700,000 active and retired members, **I am writing to strongly urge you to vote "NO" to H.R. 2587, the so called "Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act" designed to gut the 70 year old National Labor Relations Act - stripping away protections from every working American.**

As if interfering with on-going 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 only employers who would benefit from this bill would be those who break the law.

**H.R. 2587 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.

**H.R. 2587 provides employers with a new loophole to fire workers who try to organize a union**

To kill an organizing drive, an employer could eliminate or transfer work being done by pro-union employees and then lay-off those employees. This bill would not allow the NLRB to have that work restored or transferred back.

**This bill provides a congressional pardon in an on-going 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.

*The rights of millions of American workers, both union and non-union, are threatened by this bill.*

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

Sincerely,

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