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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Majority Leader
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The Honorable James E. Clyburn
Majority Whip
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader Hoyer, and Whip Clyburn,

We are writing on behalf of America's workers to urge you to bring H.R. 2474, the *Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act of 2019* to the House floor. With House Democrats already following through on key priorities, like cleaning up corruption and lowering prescription drug costs, we believe the time is now for the House to also demonstrate its commitment to advancing major legislation that will empower our nation's workers.

For decades, American workers have endured attacks on their wages and workplace rights. From 1980 to 2014, while income for the top one percent of earners grew by 205 percent, income for the bottom 50 percent of workers grew by only one percent. It doesn't have to be this way. Union members earn 13 percent more than their non-union counterparts. However, special interest-funded attacks on labor laws have slashed union membership from 33 percent of the national workforce in 1956 to 10 percent in 2018.

Public support for labor unions is now near a 50-year high. According to Gallup's most recent annual poll, 64 percent of Americans approve of labor unions, including 82 percent of Democrats, 45 percent of Republicans, and 61 percent of Independents.


The *PRO Act* is bold, comprehensive legislation to strengthen unions and the American workforce. It would protect union elections from employer interference, require employers to negotiate with newly elected unions, ensure employees can't be misclassified as supervisors or independent contractors, invalidate state "right-to-work-for-less" laws, and stiffen penalties for violations of workers' rights.


We are grateful to Chairman Scott for his leadership and for expeditiously advancing the *PRO Act* through the Committee on Education and Labor more than two months ago. It is unfortunate that since then, no date for floor consideration has been announced.

We believe the *PRO Act* should be brought to the House floor as soon as possible. It has 218 cosponsors, including several Republicans, indicating that it would pass the House with bipartisan support. We can and should pass it now.

Respectfully,


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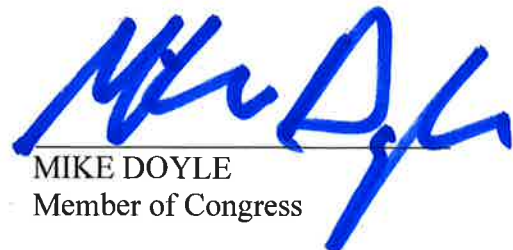

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