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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
1236 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer and House Speaker Pelosi:

On behalf of the 600,000 members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM), **I write to you today with urgency that Congress move swiftly to find a means to increase funding for the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).** This should be a top priority for workers' rights. Simply put, the stagnant appropriations for this very important federal agency for ensuring worker rights has not kept pace to meet the current demands for its services.

That has meant workers have faced delayed actions by the NLRB, and that's just something we should never be allowed.

As you've heard from the AFL-CIO and its affiliates like the IAM, the NLRB desperately needs help by means of additional funding to provide important resources for our nation's working people. The uptick in union elections and unfair labor practice (ULP) complaints should be matched with the additional resources needed for the NLRB, not situations such as staff furloughs and potential for delayed agency actions.

Workers deserve the constitutional right to collectively bargain, and that is only aided by a fully-funded NLRB.

Again, I write to you today urging Congress to make additional funding a priority for the NLRB.

Sincerely,

Robert Martinez, Jr.
International President