

March 23, 2010

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Recess Appointment of Craig Becker to the NLRB

Dear President Obama:

The undersigned groups represent millions of employers, both large and small, in every geographic region and every sector of the economy. Tens of thousands of our members have written to the Senate in opposition to the nomination of Mr. Craig Becker to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). We are writing now to urge you not to disregard the bipartisan Senate vote against moving forward with the nomination of Mr. Becker to be a Member of the NLRB through a recess appointment.

Our opposition to Mr. Becker is based in large part on his legal writings, which he has not disavowed, which indicate that despite his verbal assurances to the contrary he could not be impartial or objective in adjudicating NLRB cases. For example, among his many controversial and confrontational views, Mr. Becker has written that employers should have no role in union representation elections, thus calling into question whether they should be permitted to insist on secret ballot elections to determine union representation or whether they could be compelled to accept union authorization cards ("card check"). Furthermore, his writings clearly indicate that he would use his position on the NLRB to institute far-reaching changes in the law that would not merely interpret existing law, but would bypass the role of Congress in setting national labor policy.

Our opposition is only to Mr. Becker. Again, we urge that you respect the bipartisan Senate vote against Mr. Becker and the overwhelming sentiment of our members throughout the business community by not exercising your recess authority through an appointment of Mr. Becker to the NLRB.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this important matter.

Respectfully,

American Bakers Association

American Hotel and Lodging Association

American Trucking Associations

Associated Builders and Contractors

Associated General Contractors of America

College and University Professional Association for Human Resources

Food Marketing Institute

HR Policy Association

Independent Electrical Contractors

International Foodservice Distributors Association

International Franchise Association

National Association of Manufacturers

National Federation of Independent Business

National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors

National Retail Federation

National Roofing Contractors Association

Printing Industries of America

Retail Industry Leaders Association

Society for Human Resource Management

U.S. Chamber of Commerce