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U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the nation's largest industrial trade association representing manufacturers of all sizes and industry sectors, strongly urges you to oppose the nomination of Craig Becker to serve as a member of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

The NAM firmly believes that NLRB members charged with administering our nation's labor laws should protect the principles of fairness and balance that characterize our labor law system. Employees should have the right to information from both employers and union officials and the time to review that information in order to better make important decisions that impact their jobs and families.

Unfortunately, Mr. Becker's interpretation of our labor laws does not reflect these principles and cast serious doubt on his ability to administer our nation's laws in an unbiased manner. We are particularly concerned with Mr. Becker's writings in academic journals that argue that the NLRB should limit the ability of employers to communicate with their employees during union organizing campaigns. Specifically, Mr. Becker has claimed in a 1993 Minnesota Law Review article that "the core defect in union election law... is the employer's status as a party to labor representation proceedings."

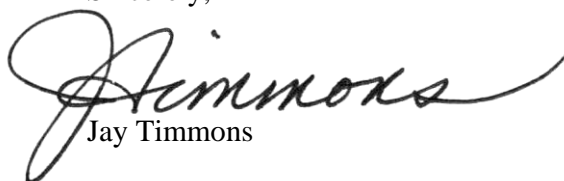
Mr. Becker has asserted views that the NLRB should rewrite union election rules in favor of union organizers. Such policy decisions should only be determined by Congress. The NAM is particularly concerned that if confirmed, Mr. Becker would seek to advance aspects of the job-killing Employee Free Choice Act through actions of the NLRB.

Earlier this week hundreds of manufacturers expressed their concerns with this nomination to the U.S. Senate. These employers recognize that the labor law changes that Mr. Becker seeks would be harmful to their employees and would further promote adversarial employee relations. For these reasons, we urge you to oppose the nomination of Craig Becker to serve as a member of the NLRB.

On behalf of manufacturers in the United States, we appreciate your consideration of our request. We look forward to working with you on our shared goals for a strong economy, job creation in the United States and promoting fair and balanced labor laws.

With all best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,



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