

January 29, 2010

The Honorable Tom Harkin
Chairman
Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Michael Enzi
Ranking Member
Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, DC 2051

Dear Chairman Harkin and Ranking Member Enzi:

The undersigned trade associations represent millions of employers of every size, in every sector, and region of the country. Unfortunately Mr. Craig Becker has been re-nominated to serve as a Member of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) despite concerns that the employer community has previously expressed. We continue to urge you to oppose the nomination of Mr. Becker to the NLRB, however our letter is not intended in any way to express an opinion about the nominations of Mr. Mark Pearce or Mr. Brian Hayes to serve as Members of the NLRB.

Mr. Becker's unorthodox views have been demonstrated through his previous written commentary of the National Labor Relations Act, the law he would be charged with interpreting and enforcing should he be confirmed. Many of his beliefs would disrupt years of established precedent and the delicate balance in current labor law. We have significant concerns with the Board's ability to radically interpret existing labor law should Mr. Becker be confirmed.

As we have expressed before the public still deserves an opportunity through a formal confirmation hearing to hear from Mr. Becker directly as to whether he still believes in the positions espoused in his writings or whether his views on these issues have changed over time. It is troubling that despite our concerns the Administration has made it clear that they do not intend to nominate a more appropriate individual to serve on the Board.

For these reasons, we continue urge you to oppose the re-nomination of Mr. Craig Becker to become a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

Sincerely,

American Hotel and Lodging Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives
American Trucking Associations
Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.
Associated General Contractors of America
College and University Professional Association for Human Resources
Food Marketing Institute
HR Policy Association

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International Foodservice Distributors Association
International Franchise Association
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Federation of Independent Business
National Pest Management Association
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Retail Federation
National Roofing Contractors Association
Printing Industries of America
Retail Industry Leaders Association
Society for Human Resource Management
Steel Manufacturers Association
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Members of the U.S. Senate