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The Honorable John Kline Chairman, U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce 2181 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Kline,

The National Franchisee Association (NFA) represents independent BURGER KING[®] restaurant entrepreneurs in the United States who operate more than 5,000 franchised restaurants and employ almost 200,000 individuals across the nation. We are writing to urge your support of H.R. 1120, The Preventing Greater Uncertainty in Labor-Management Relations Act (ACT).

Several months ago, the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that President Obama did not have the power to make three recess appointments to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) because the Senate was officially in session at the time. Because of this ruling, the NLRB did and currently does not have a quorum to issue rulings and thus all decisions made since the "recess" appointments are currently in limbo.

The Preventing Greater Uncertainty in Labor-Management Relations Act (H.R. 1120), introduced by Chairman Phil Roe, requires the NLRB to "cease activity until the issues involving the current board are settled." H.R. 1120 would also prohibit the NLRB from enforcing any action made since the court's decision as well as any future actions for which a NLRB quorum is required until the issues with the current NLRB quorum are resolved.

The NFA urges your support of H.R. 1120, as it would provide stability to small business owners who are currently struggling in today's economy. It would also ensure that action involving decisions made during the "recess appointment" period is reviewed and approved by a future board that has been constitutionally appointed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Peter J. Cotter Chairman, NFA Government Relations Committee