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Mr. Chairman,

I want to thank you for bringing this important legislation before the committee today.

Since the NLRB filed suit against Boeing, I have been reminded of an old saying. "A government that is big enough to give you all you want is big enough to take it all away." What you see now is exactly that - big government killing jobs under the guise of protecting workers.

Let me be clear. Despite what opponents will say, this is not a union issue. This is a classic example of government overreach, which will, in the end, destroy American jobs and encourage companies to look elsewhere in the world. With unemployment at 9.2 percent and an economy which can be described as fragile at best, we do not have the luxury of being able to afford this action.

Plain and simple, my legislation will remove the NLRB's ability to kill jobs. The government, especially an unelected board, does not need to be involved in the business decisions of the private sector. In fact, it cannot be. We already live in a country where our corporate tax structure is uncompetitive with the rest of the world, and we cannot add another strike against us.

Today, the NLRB's overreach threatens 1,100 workers in my hometown of North Charleston, South Carolina. Let me repeat that - one thousand, one hundred jobs already created. Who is to say tomorrow it does not preclude another company from looking to expand not just in South Carolina - a state with unemployment in excess of 10 percent - but anywhere in our country? This instability and unpredictability is the last thing our job creators need right now.

I sincerely hope we can move past the politics and the games which so often sidetrack things in Washington, and pass this important legislation into law. This is not a question of pro-union or anti-union, it is a question of right versus wrong. The NLRB has plenty of tools at its disposal to protect workers and hold employers accountable for unlawful labor practices; there is simply no reason it should be empowered to dictate where a private business can establish its workforce.

To my colleagues, I close by saying this common sense solution will help spur job creation, and more importantly, remove impediments to job creation. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,



Congressman Tim Scott