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The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
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United States Capitol  
**HAND DELIVERED**

Dear Leader Reid,

As the sponsor and original cosponsors of H.R. 2587, the Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act, we urge you to bring this important legislation up for a vote in the Senate. This bill will protect American jobs immediately, while removing an impediment to job creation which, make no mistake, will force American jobs overseas.

The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) has more than a dozen remedies if it finds that an employer has violated the NLRA. We do not believe these remedies should include the destruction of jobs, especially with national unemployment at 9.1 percent. Our bill simply prohibits the NLRB from ordering any employer to relocate, shut down, or transfer employment under any circumstance.

A prime example of the NLRB's attempts to kill jobs is the board's recent suit against Boeing in South Carolina, where unemployment is currently at 11.1 percent. Despite the fact that no Boeing employee has lost his or her job in Washington state because of Boeing's decision to create more than 1,100 new jobs in South Carolina, the NLRB has demanded that these jobs be moved to Puget Sound. No one wins through pitting one state against another, and this would set a dangerous precedent that the government can involve itself in the business decisions of a private sector company.

Quite simply, this bill will show the government is serious about allowing a business-friendly environment to flourish and create jobs. The House of Representatives passed this measure with bi-partisan support, and once again we urge you to bring H.R. 2587 up for a vote in the Senate.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

  
Congressman Tim Scott

  
Chairman John Kline

  
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