



March 17, 2010

The Honorable John McCain
U.S. Senate
241 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCain:

On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business, the nation's leading small business organization, I want to thank you for your leadership in blocking the nomination of Craig Becker to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). NFIB is greatly concerned that he will use this appointment to advance an activist labor union agenda.

As you know small business owners are suffering from the deepest recession in decades and struggling to keep their businesses open. Poor sales and uncertainty about Washington's future political and economic policies are keeping them from expanding their businesses and hiring new workers. Small business will not hire when new government mandates and labor rules threaten to further increase the cost of labor.

The NLRB makes key decisions about labor law that affect management-employee relations, and it's important that board members have a balanced view of the employer-employee relationship in small businesses. We do not believe Mr. Becker holds such a view and are concerned that his confirmation could lead to the Board implementing administratively an unfair card check scheme for union organizing. We appreciate your efforts to make sure that the Senate exercise due diligence on the nomination and conduct a hearing. Thank you for your vote in opposition to invoking cloture on the nomination.

Thank you for your support of small business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Eckerly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Susan Eckerly
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