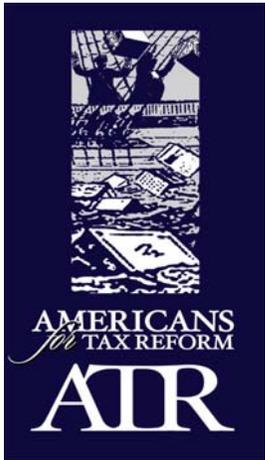




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The Honorable John McCain
United States Senate
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Dear Senator McCain:

On behalf of the Alliance for Worker Freedom (AWF) and Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), we would like to commend your efforts opposing President Obama's nominee to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), Craig Becker. Specifically, your vote against cloture and your holds placed on this radical nominee.

Undoubtedly, you thought many of Mr. Becker's opinions were problematic and that the Senate should proceed cautiously with his nomination. Your decision to place a hold on Mr. Becker, allowed the Senate to debate the ramifications of his potential confirmation.

While Mr. Becker waited to be confirmed he received hundreds of letters from you and your colleagues asking him to clarify his past statements, writings, and associations about the role of unions, workers, and the NLRB.

You led Republican Senators in their inquiries about Mr. Becker's ideology and how it would affect his tenure on the board. Attempting to discover his true beliefs, you and your colleagues mulled over and dissected Mr. Becker's testimony. After failing to adequately alleviate your concerns, you decided that it was in the interest of the American people that Mr. Becker never serves on the National Labor Relations Board.

Certainly, this decision was not fickle politics as some are suggesting, it was the result of an investigatory process which deemed Mr. Becker unfit to serve as a member of the NLRB.

While claims have been levied towards Republicans that they are "obstructionists" opposition to Mr. Becker was bipartisan. Two Democratic Senators Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.) and Ben Nelson (D-Neb.) joined you in failing to invoke cloture.

Your leadership throughout Mr. Becker's confirmation process has been admirable. The hold you placed on Mr. Becker illuminated his controversial positions. You then proceeded to guide and shape the debate surrounding Mr. Becker so that his true intentions surfaced. You have done your constituents and American workers everywhere a great service.

Sincerely,

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