



3 February 2009

RE: State Efforts on Combating the Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA), aka Card Check

On behalf of the Alliance for Worker Freedom (AWF), an organization established in 2003 to combat anti-worker legislation and promote free and open labor markets, I am pleased to announce the launch of our state efforts aimed at defeating the Orwellian-named "Employee Free Choice Act."

Working in partnership with Grover Norquist's Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), we are reaching out to the Taxpayer Protection Caucus Chairs, all state-level Taxpayer Protection Pledge signers, and members of state legislative bodies as well as governors.

The Employee Free Choice Act, aka "Card Check", would take away numerous rights and protections currently afforded to workers employed at companies where unions are actively seeking to organize. The bill would remove workers' rights to a federally supervised private ballot election. Instead, workers would be asked to sign cards in front of organizers and colleagues, potentially subjecting them to harassment or intimidation. Once a majority of employees have signed cards, the union is immediately recognized. State "right-to-work" laws essentially become irrelevant.

While the EFCA is federal legislation, there is a lot that can be done at the state-level to stop the Pelosi-Reid "unionization of America" agenda. There are two efforts we are engaged in:

First, we are working on getting state resolutions passed by both chambers (except in Nebraska, unicameral) in all states (or Commonwealth) that urges the federal Congressional Delegation to oppose Card Check legislation. This will send the message to the federal level and help carry the voices from the states that the majority of Americans are opposed to this egregious assault on workers rights.

The second effort is to send a constitutional amendment to the state's ballot that will protect all secret ballot voting. This can occur by either legislative referral or a petition drive. According to constitutional attorney Clint Bolick, the constitutional amendment would not violate federal pre-emption.

If you or another leader in the states would like to help combat Big Labor's assault on workers' rights by introducing such resolution, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Johnson, MPA
Executive Director

cc: Grover Norquist, President Americans for Tax Reform

1920 L STREET NW
SUITE 200
WASHINGTON DC 20036
WORKERFREEDOM.COM
(P) 202.785.0266
(F) 202.785.0261