

October 26, 2007

President George W. Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

On behalf of the 2.2 million members of the National Right to Work Committee, I strongly urge you to nominate individuals to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) who are in favor of protecting the statutory and constitutional rights of individual workers in the workplace.

For decades, the NLRB has displayed a strong bias to protect and expand Big Labor's power under federal law to force workers to pay union dues as a condition of employment.

And, during the Clinton administration, the NLRB's extremism was unprecedented.

For example, in a 1997 ruling, Clinton NLRB General Counsel Fred Feinstein upheld the validity of union "authorization" cards union officials obtained by falsely telling employees they were already under an "exclusive" union contract.

The current NLRB has inexplicably held off cases that present the agency with opportunities to curtail union bosses' ability to get installed as monopoly-bargaining agents through subterfuge.

But, for nearly seven years of this administration, Right to Work supporters across the country have been disappointed in the inability to get dedicated public servants who will protect individual worker freedom consistently appointed to the NLRB.

Today's NLRB continues to uphold the Clinton-era ruling in the *UFCW Local 1099* case that even when union officials obtain employees' signatures on so-called "authorization cards" through intimidation or deception, the cards must still be counted as valid.

In another miscarriage of justice, the NLRB delayed for years in resolving the *Dana* and *Metaldyne* cases. When it finally issued a ruling late last month, the plaintiffs in those cases were given no relief.

However, within the next three months, there will be one final chance for this administration to stand up for individual workers' freedom at the NLRB.

With NLRB Chairman Robert Battista's term ending in December and with two recess appointments expiring when Congress adjourns this fall, there will be one final chance for this administration to nominate individuals committed to protecting and advancing worker freedom at the NLRB.

We strongly disagree with the decision to renominate forced-unionism supporter Dennis Walsh for one of the impending vacancies.

Having done so, it is critical that you nominate pro-worker freedom candidates for the other two vacancies, and insist that if Walsh is to be confirmed, that all three be given up or down votes on the Senate floor.

Our members and the overwhelming majority of the American people who support the Right to Work principle will stand by the White House and any member of Congress who pledges support for nominees to the NLRB that will protect the rights of individual workers in the workplace.

Sincerely,

Mark Mix  
President