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The Honorable John Kline  
Chairman  
Committee on Education & The Workforce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable George Miller  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Education & The Workforce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Miller:

On behalf of the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AH&LA) and America's lodging industry and our 10,000 members nationwide, we would like to express our support of H.R. 2587, the Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act.

AH&LA along with a group of more than 600 organizations throughout the country that represent those that create jobs has been steadfast in opposing the so-called "Employee Free Choice Act" (EFCA) and similar threats to our employees and our economy.

Because the grave aspects EFCA became widely understood, Congress rejected the legislation in the past. However, big labor is seeking to circumvent Congress and the American people by enlisting the support of allies in government. Since Congress rejected EFCA, Big Labor is now poised to impose it by bureaucratic fiat through unelected government allies in the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) and the Department of Labor (DOL).

One of the most blatant examples of malevolent overreach by the NLRB is the unprecedented attempt by the agency's acting general counsel to mandate where and how one company can operate and create new jobs. This is not only a threat to that specific company, it is a direct assault against all businesses and a free market economy.

The Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act addresses will reign-in the NLRB and allow business to decide how and where they operate and create jobs.

We applaud the committee for taking up the Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act and encourage you to use every tool available to stop these rogue agencies from implementing policies to appease a single special interest at the expense of workers, businesses and our economy. If left unchecked, the NLRB's and DOL's actions will continue to be a threat to the free market and workers.

Sincerely,

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Joseph McInerney  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Marlene Colucci  
Executive Vice President for Public Policy