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Rep. Kurt Olson, Chair
House Labor and Commerce Committee
State Capitol, Rm. 124
Juneau, AK 99801

February 9, 2009

Dear Rep. Olson:

I would like to express my support for HR 5, *"Opposing any federal legislation that seeks to eliminate the private election phase of union recognition campaigns or that seeks to impose compulsory and binding arbitration on employers."*, as introduced by Rep. Craig Johnson.

This resolution strongly and unequivocally outlines the myriad reasons why the Employee Free Choice Act (so-called "card check") is inconsistent with the basic traditions of our democratic form of government, patently unfair to both employees and employers, and would likely result in untold damage to the American business climate.

Although this bill has yet to be re-introduced in the 111th Congress, it is imperative that the Alaska State Legislature issue a strong statement to the members of Alaska's congressional delegation and defend the Right of Privacy clearly enunciated in Article 1, Section 22 of the Alaska State Constitution.

It is for these reasons that I encourage swift consideration of this resolution and encourage all the members of the committee to pass this bill out of committee at the earliest opportunity.

I appreciate your time and look forward to the committee's consideration on this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "H. Hilyard", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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