

Sample Letter to the Editor on Card Check

Big labor unions pledged more than \$200 million in politics this past year. What do they expect from this massive investment? The answer is simple: scrapping the federal law that protects both small businesses and workers during union organizing drives.

Under current law, the decision of whether or not to form a union is usually left to the workers — through a secret ballot election. That means that workers can choose — in private — whether they want to join a union. But in such an election, workers might not vote the “right” way. So unions have decided to get rid of secret ballot elections by convincing Congress to pass legislation falsely advertised as the Employee Free Choice Act, better known as Card Check.

Under Card Check, union organizers would be free to “persuade” workers to publicly sign a card stating that they support the union. Union organizers could ask workers to sign a card just about anywhere — in the parking lot after work, at a restaurant, even at home. Once more than 50% sign cards, workers would be stuck with the union — no more debate and no secret ballot election.

Because unions would know who has signed a card, workers would be exposed to unrelenting pressure and coercion. Exposing workers to this harassment may seem unfair, but the goal of this legislation isn’t fairness — it’s getting workers to sign cards and begin paying union dues.

We need our elected officials to protect secret ballot rights in our workplaces before this legislation does irrevocable harm to our small businesses and our struggling economy.