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September 17, 2009

The Honorable (Your Governors Name here)

United States Senate

(Your Governors Address here)

Washington, DC 20510-3503

Re: Oppose Card Check Legislation Introduced in Both House (HR 1409) and Senate (S 560)

(Your Governors Name here):

I am writing to urge you to vote against cloture and final passage of the proposed card check legislation, the so-called Employee Free Choice Act (S. 560) introduced by Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee Chairman Edward Kennedy (D-MA. Thank you for your time and attention to this letter.

S. 560 will take privacy, power and choice away from America's working people. If enacted, the card check bill would replace the existing system of federally supervised secret ballot union certification elections with a "card check" that would forego an election if a majority of employees sign an authorization card. Unlike the secret ballot, employees' signatures would be made public to the employer, union and their co-workers. Federal courts have repeatedly ruled that federally supervised secret ballot elections are the fairest and most foolproof method to achieve fair election results. The right to vote by secret ballot - freedom from coercion, intimidation or inappropriate influence - is fundamental to the American democratic election process. Whether you or pro-union or not, this assault on democracy in the workforce is intolerable.

Also, if the employer and union are unable to agree to a contract within 120 days of certification, the bill's mandatory arbitration provision would bring a federal bureaucrat to set an automatic two-year contract. In our current economic environment, it is absolutely unconscionable to enable a federal employee to set wage, health and productivity standards for a business and its employees. This provision would also take away another right of employees by not allowing them to vote on the contract as they are able to do today under current law.

Once again, I urge you to vote NO on both cloture and final passage of S. 560 and stand up for workers' rights. Americans' inherent right to vote in a private and non-influential matter is our most precious freedom that we must preserve and protect. Thank you for taking the time to listen to my thoughts on this important issue.

Sincerely,

(Your Name here)

(Your Phone Number here)